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GILMAN'S

Strength of Anglo-Soviet Alliance Re-Emphasised

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—"We will fight to the end until Hitlerite Germany is utterly and completely crushed," said M. Ivan Maitsky, Soviet Ambassador, speaking to-day.

"My people are fighting heroically and with the greatest determination. They are building no half-way course. Declaring that his people had not the slightest doubt of the final issue, M. Maitsky asked, 'But what of the price?'"

He went on: "The Soviet people have already sustained many losses and sacrifices in men, material and territory with the possibility of future losses and sacrifices. But everyone of them knows and everyone here knows that the closest possible military, economic and political co-operation between the peoples of Britain and the Soviet Union is the way to reduce those sacrifices to as low a level as possible."

PROBABLE PEACE TERMS FOR IRAN

Transit Facilities Sought

SIMLA, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Provision that the Iranian Government should facilitate the transit of supplies and war material through Iran to Russia will, according to well-informed circles here, form part of the basis of the terms which will probably be offered to the Iranian Government shortly.

KONOYE'S MESSAGE

Adjustment Wanted Without Policy Change

TOKYO, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Prince Kono's message to President Roosevelt is given prominence in the Japanese press as the opening of diplomatic negotiations for settling the outstanding questions between Japan and the United States.

The "Chugai Shogo" declares that it is clear that the United States does not want a war in the Pacific as already emphasised by various American leaders. The newspaper expresses the belief that as Prince Kono's message was personally addressed to President Roosevelt, Japanese and American relations are being thoroughly re-studied and the United States Government are giving careful study to the view that the present tendency of the European war is becoming rapidly a world war.

Continuity

The "Yomiuri Shimbun" declares that Japan's policy in the Pacific is based on the principle that Japan and the United States should not come to blows. Prince Kono's message was intended to remove misunderstanding between Japan and the United States. Emphasis, however, is laid on the continuity of the Japanese policy.

The "Hochi Shimbun" declares that this policy remains "immutable" while the "Chugai Shogo" asserts that adjustment of outstanding questions between the two countries is "only possible when the establishment of greater East Asian prosperity is recognised."

LATEST

R.A.F. Raid Tripoli And Destroy Ships

CAIRO, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—"The Bomber Command of the R.A.F. carried out heavy raids on Tripoli during the night of August 29-30," says to-night's R.A.F. communiqué from the Middle East. "Some 25 tons of bombs were dropped and at the end of the bombing, the whole of the Spanish Quay was on fire with great clouds of black smoke—apparently from an oil store—rising into the air."

"Two ships, one of 8,000 tons and the other of 5,000 tons, were hit and set on fire. One of these vessels was later seen to be ablaze from stem to stern. Some time later a small ship exploded."

"Hits were also scored on another medium-sized ship, which subsequently started burning."

PEACE OR WAR IN THE PACIFIC, DECISION IS EXPECTED VERY SOON

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Aug. 31 (UP).—Japan is facing the most critical period since she signed the tripartite alliance, and the results of the current Japanese-American conversations may determine for the Kono Government the possibility of whether there shall be war or peace in the Pacific.

This was the unanimous opinion expressed to-day by the first American arrivals from Japan since the furore created by the charges that the Japanese were detaining Americans as hostages. The arrivals included members of the Consulate staff on home leave to the United States as well as army and navy language officers.

They said that the Japanese are confronted with the gravest economic difficulties as a result of the freezing and the embargo, while the more radical elements are clamouring for swift action to break the economic and military encirclement forcibly.

It was stated that the German officials in Tokyo frankly admit that Japan may be at the turning point in her foreign policy, while official German circles are not showing any optimism.

Rapprochement Possible

Members of the United States Embassy believed that there is a possibility of a Japanese-American rapprochement at present which will quieten the Pacific situation temporarily; however, they are not optimistic whether any long range agreement to which the Japanese would adhere could be possible in view of the fact that Japan is committed to an expanding empire policy which is incompatible with the United States attitude toward forcible measures aimed at acquiring territorial and economic hegemony.

The Alternatives

These Americans left Japan before the Roosevelt-Nomura conversations; however, they said that Japanese officials are most hopeful that the negotiations would be successful in permitting the resumption of trade, ending the current economic impasse and enabling the Kono Government to retain its power. A failure in the negotiations would result in the overthrow of the Cabinet and the establishment of a complete military Cabinet which would be likely to move precipitately either to the south or north, possibly bringing the Pacific crisis to a head sometime in September.

They said that although Japan had surrounded the previous negotiations with the dearest secrecy, the importance attached to them was demonstrated by the fact that the Cabinet informed the Emperor constantly of the developments.

The Japanese navy is at present supporting the Conservatives such as Baron Hiranuma in the Cabinet; however, it is said that the Japanese are convinced that if the present negotiations fall there will be no alternative except a military Government which would act very swiftly either to the north or south depending on the developments of the Russo-German war and that the navy would then be forced to support an army expansion programme.

ENVOY'S NARROW ESCAPE

U. S. Embassy Staff Bombed In Chungking

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 31 (UP).—Members of the American Embassy, including the Ambassador, Mr. John Gauss, had narrow escapes during to-day's savage Japanese air raid on Chungking.

Mr. Gauss, together with the First Secretary, Mr. John Carter Vincent, the Second Secretary, Mr. Everett Drumright, the Third Secretary, Mr. John S. Service and other members of the staff, were working at their headquarters at the Standard Oil cottage on the top of the hill on the south bank of the Yangtze, when a bomb fell 150 yards away.

Although the house was damaged, nobody was injured, despite the fact that no air raid shelter is available at this spot.

Members of the Embassy staff went to the cottage which is in the so-called "safety area" in order to escape the anticipated interruptions caused by the raids.

Mission School Damaged

Bombs destroyed the home of Mr. Arnold Vaught of Chicago, who is head of the Friends' Mission, and also the Friends' Mission school, classrooms, dining rooms and dormitory; however, there were no casualties. Mr. Vaught's home and mission schools in Chungking were previously destroyed on May 4, 1939 by Japanese bombs.

Approximately 200 Japanese bombers raided the Szechwan areas to-day, of which 27 attacked Chungking and the western suburbs this morning, unleashing hundreds of bombs, but with apparently little damage.

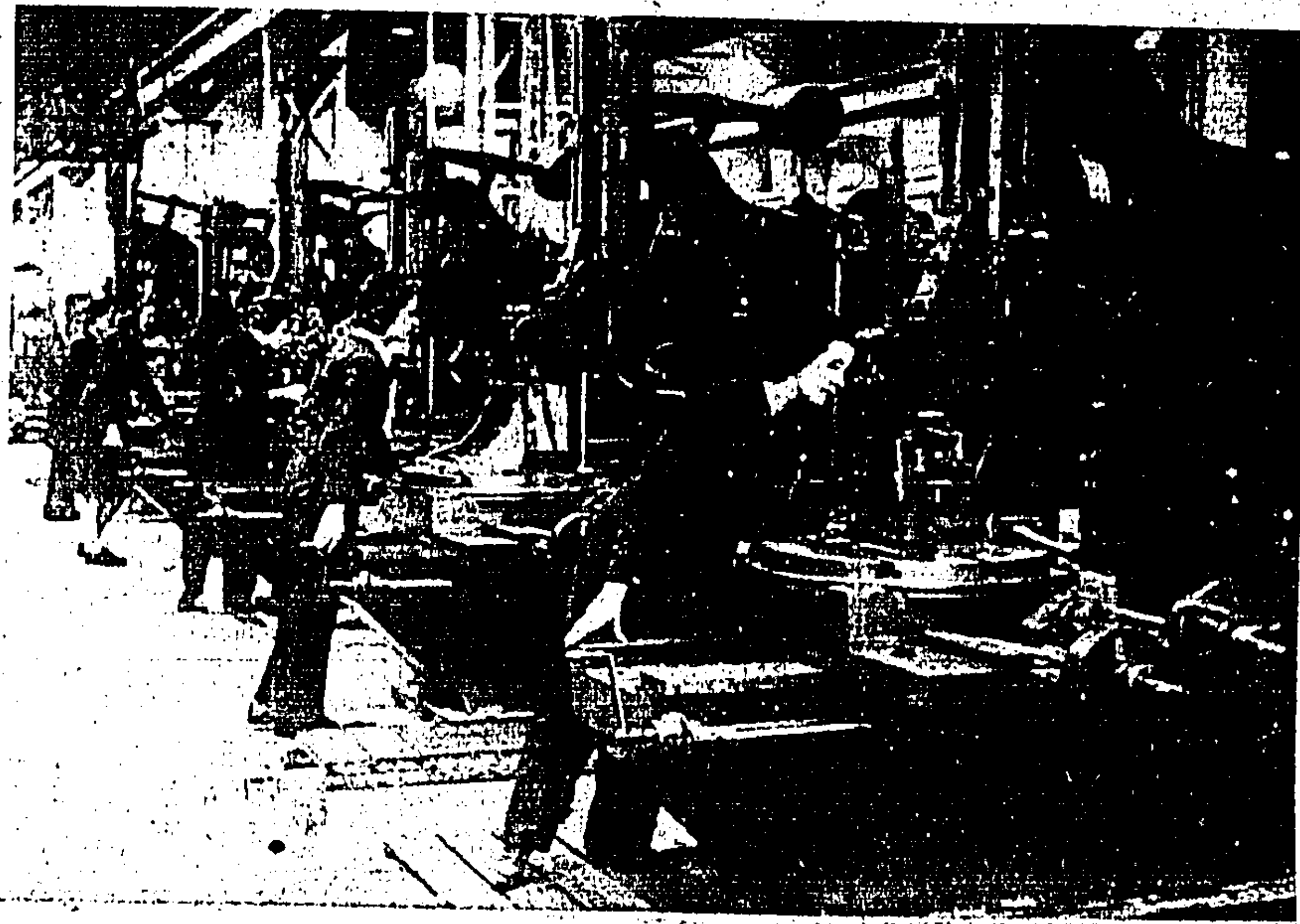
Japanese Story

According to a Shanghai message, the Japanese Central China Fleet headquarters claimed that smashing attacks were carried out on important Chungking bases as well as at Hengyang, Changsha, Lanchow and Chuchow in Hunan and Lingchuan in Kwangsi.

Naval bombers scored direct hits on the headquarters of the Ninth Route Army in the Chungsha district. Lanchow was very severely bombed while on Friday, Sanyang in Shensi was raided and on Saturday Chungking was heavily bombed.

Australia And Aid To Russia

SYDNEY, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—The Congress on Friendship and Aid to Russia passed a resolution urging Australian representation at all Anglo-Soviet talks in which the Pacific and the Middle East are involved and also an exchange of Ambassadors and military, naval and air missions with the Soviet.



British Women At War Work

British women are increasingly being drafted into the factories to help in the British war effort. This picture shows girls "manning" machines for producing parts for anti-tank guns at a Ministry of Supply factory.

Britain's Power After Two Years Of Bitter Struggle

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—In the following article specially written on the second anniversary of the war, "Reuter's" Military Commentator reviews the development of Britain's military strength during the past two years:

Premier Of Burma To Visit UK

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—The Premier of Burma, the Hon. Mr. U. Saw will shortly visit Britain. He will convey personally to the Government and people of Britain a message of goodwill from the Government and people of Burma.

Mr. U. Saw has been a Minister since 1939 and Premier since 1940. Shortly after becoming Premier, he issued a statement outlining the policy of his Ministry, stating that he would try to secure the greatest good for the greatest number and he appealed to all classes and communities in Burma to unite in the common task.

Burma's geographical position gives her a great and growing importance in the Far East. As a neighbour of China she has for some time past been the main channel through which goods from abroad can reach the Chinese.

Burma's Premier will be accompanied by Mr. U. Sin Tut, senior official of the Civil Service in Burma, as the adviser.

ENEMY TRICK NEWS

Invasion Barges

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—The story of the dispersal of enemy barges which has been given out over the enemy controlled radio should be treated with the greatest reserve. It is pointed out in authoritative quarters who add that it might well be a piece of propaganda.

The barges supposed to have been dispersed were those along the French and Dutch coasts.

Col Lovat-Fraser

CHUNGKING, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—It is learned that Colonel Lovat-Fraser, former British Military Attaché, who is present in India, will shortly come to Chungking to join the Military Attaché's office of the British Embassy here.

Troop Train In Anhwei Wrecked

LIHUANG, Aug. 31 (Central News).—Over 200 Japanese troops were killed and wounded as the result of a train accident on the Hwai-Nan Railway in northern Anhwei last week when a Japanese troop train was derailed near the Shuantung-chih Station after striking Chinese land mines.

The locomotive was overturned and completely wrecked, while four coaches were thrown off the tracks and badly damaged. Material losses sustained by the Japanese were estimated to total over \$500,000. Traffic on the Railway was interrupted for three days as a result of the incident.

Concentrations Of Italian Troops

MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Prominence is given in the Soviet press to a report dated Geneva stating that according to information received there, Italian troops are being concentrated on the Greco-Turkish and Bulgaro-Turkish frontiers.

Unreliable Japanese Reports on Thailand

("Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

BANGKOK, Aug. 31.—The frequency with which the Thai Government have lately felt obliged to issue official denials of rumours has aroused widespread comment in political quarters.

An analysis shows that that in the last few weeks no less than 16 press reports from Japanese sources have been either flatly denied in communiques or by the authoritative spokesman while only one report from non-Japanese sources drew an official contradiction.

"Absolutely devoid of truth" is the Thai Government's communique dismissing the latest Japanese allegation that British and American Ministers in Bangkok have threatened economic pressure against Thailand unless she ceased trade relations with Japan. The communique mildly rebukes another Japanese daily for the suggestion that after Iran, Thailand will be the next victim of Anglo-American aggression.

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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

August 25

Day of Heavy Rain. With a rainfall of 3.45 inches for the 24 hours ending at 11 p.m., to-day was the wettest day of the month.

Some rain fell shortly after midnight, but there were only intermittent drizzles until shortly before noon when a heavy downpour began and continued until late in the evening. This month has been rather dry for August, although early in the month there were promises to the contrary. On August 3 over two inches of rain fell and more than one and half inches on August 4, but there have been very few heavy downpours since. The rainfall for Sunday was half an inch.

The Bomber Fund. The following telegram, dated August 21, has been received from the Secretary of the Colonies by His Excellency the Governor:

"Following from Colonel Moore Brabazon, Latest £6,000 from South China Morning Post War Fund gratefully acknowledged. Please convey my deep appreciation. Such generous help to our united war effort invaluable."

Cost of Living. Only slight changes in the prices of foodstuffs took place during the past ten days. Beef remains at 80 cents a pound, but pork is down by five cents, being quoted at 85 cents a pound yesterday. Pork chops are, however, \$1.25 a pound.

Vegetables. Though not plentiful show little change in price. Apples and oranges are cheaper.

Chicken is \$1.80 a catty, which is 20 cents higher than last week. Eggs are very expensive, ordinary cooking ones being 64 cents a dozen.

Prices' ruling yesterday, with those of August 16 in brackets, were:

Pork .55 cts a pound; chops \$1.25 a pound (.80 cts).
Beef .80 cts a pound (.80 cts).
Chicken \$1.80 a catty (\$1.60).
Eggs .24 cts a dozen (.32 cts).
Potatoes 9 cts a pound (.10 cts).
Onions 5 cts a pound (.5 cts).
Brinjals .15 cts a pound (.18 cts).
Tomatoes .32 cts a pound (.30 cts).
Oranges .17 cts each (.18 cts).
Apples .40 cts red, .25 cts green (.60 cts red).

More U.S. Ships For Pacific. The dislocation of passenger traffic schedules and shortage of accommodation resulting from the requisitioning of American ships by the American Government, has been slightly alleviated. It was stated in shipping circles to-day.

Of the seven President Lines steamers which were delivered to the United States Maritime Commission on completion of their voyages some time ago, it is understood that three of the ships are now to remain in the service of the American President Lines for the time being on a trip to trip basis.

Apart from requisitioning, the decision of the Japanese shipping companies not to allow their ships to call here has also resulted in the stranding of a number of people, and inconvenience to others.

The situation would appear to be much improved now, with an increased number of American ships calling here next month.

Three ships of the American President Lines are expected to leave Hongkong for the United States. The first is expected to leave about the middle of September, another about the middle of the month, and the third towards the end of the month. Further information regarding these sailings may be had on application to the American President Lines, Limited.

Tuesday

August 26

Hongkong Bombers. Hongkong has only to subscribe another \$34,000 and a bomber squadron, bearing the Colony's name, will go into operation against the Nazis. This revealed in an official reply from London to inquiries made by the sponsors of the Bomber Fund.

The knowledge that a bomber squadron will bear the name of Hongkong has stimulated donations for some time past and the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. recently received a number of inquiries as to how much money is required to raise the cost of the squadron.

On August 26, a telegram was dispatched to the Minister for Aircraft Production reading as follows: "Please cable how much more money is required to purchase Hongkong's Bomber Squadron."

The following reply was received yesterday:

"From Ministry of Aircraft Production. We should like to arrange for Hongkong Bomber Squadron. Definitively, it should be named Hongkong. To enable us to do so we should require a further £24,000, making the required total of £100,000."

The Balance Required.

Subscriptions to the Fund have enabled the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. to remit £101,539.19.6 to the British Government. The Fund has in hand just over £24,000 towards the next instalment, leaving a balance of approximately £24,000 needed to make up the required sum.

In local currency terms, approximately \$34,000 is still required. It is hoped that every section of the Colony will do its utmost to help towards such a worthy goal.

On July 16, 1941, His Excellency the Governor received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, expressing gratification at the generous flow of contributions from subscribers to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund. His Excellency also received another telegram on the same day from Lieut. Colonel Moore Brabazon, Minister for Aircraft Production, who also conveyed grateful thanks, expressing the hope that the day was not far distant when a squadron will go into service to bear witness to the generosity of the outpost of the Empire whose name it will bear.

Swimming Championships. The European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Championships began this evening when two new records were established and one eight-year-old mark was equaled.

A. Roberts caused the biggest upset of the evening when he beat B. S. Wilson in the 100 yards backstroke championship. The new time was 78.4 secs., to lower Wilson's former time of two seconds. Wilson clocked 80.4 secs. last year's time. F. Willis, who has had little practice this season, was third, a long way behind.

A. F. May had stiff opposition from A. B. Benn and D. Hutchinson in the 200 yards freestyle championship, which May won in 2 mins 43.3 secs., equalling the record established by H. G. (Bert) Lange in 1933. There was little in the race after the first

100 yards, but at the completion of 150 yards Hutchinson, who had set the pace, tired quickly and dropped behind.

The last 20 yards provided a thrilling finishing burst by Benn, but he was beaten by two seconds by May, who lowered last year's time (Benn's) by .35 secs.

Hutchinson was first to complete the 50 yards in 30 secs with May at 32.5 and Benn at 33. May reduced his previous record of 30.5 secs and 100 yards and Hutchinson reached the 100 yards mark in 62 with Benn at 65.

May forged ahead at the 150 yard mark when he clocked 1 min 45 secs to Hutchinson's 1 min 48, with Benn at 1:52. May reached the 200 yard mark in 2 mins 43.3 secs and Benn at 2 mins 33 secs.

The absence of R. Larsen and N. McQueen robbed the boys' 50 yards free-style event of its competitive flavour, but Saunders swam unopposed to set a new time of 22 secs and to lower his last year's record by .25 secs.

Colony's Trade. According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of July, 1941, totalled \$119.9 millions (\$7.3 millions) as compared with \$119.9 millions (\$7.3 millions) in July, 1940.

In terms of local currency the total value of the Colony's trade increased by 0.8 per cent in July, 1941 as compared with July, 1940, and decreased by 1.4 per cent in terms of sterling.

HUSBANDS HOLD PUBLIC MEETING



Husbands of evacuees held a public meeting to-day to protest against the evacuation of their wives.

Review Of

The Principal Topics

Aug 24
To Aug 30

Wednesday

August 27

Peak Burglaries. A girl was gagged by a burglar who entered her bedroom at 115 The Peak, according to a story told to Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Central Magistracy to-day, in a case which also concerned the theft of several articles belonging to Lady Blackburn, wife of the Counsellor to the British Embassy at Chungking.

Yang Chang-tang, 24, unemployed, was convicted on two counts of (a) breaking into No. 115 The Peak and stealing from the premises one handbag containing \$11.05, one purse, two pairs of sunglasses, one silver rosary and one rosary, valued at \$50.95, the property of Miss G. Ybarra, children's nurse, and (b) stealing two pairs of spectacles, one rosary bead bracelet, one gold cross, two bangles, one gold finger ring, one silver expanding necklace, one imitation pearl necklace and one carved jade slip, valued at \$104, the property of Lady Blackburn, at No. 114 The Peak.

It was stated that about 4.20 a.m. on August 24 Miss Ybarra was suddenly awakened by some noise in her bedroom but seeing nothing, she went to sleep again.

Sometime later she was again awakened by the sound of the door of a wardrobe opening. She had a glimpse of Defendant taking out of the wardrobe a bag and was about to scream when Defendant seeing that she was awake, gagged her with a piece of cloth. Defendant ran to the window and escaped. The house was broken into through a window which was reached by means of a ladder.

Defendant was arrested by an Indian watchman at Hill Crest and admitted that the articles found in his possession were stolen. Miss Ybarra recognised the articles as her property.

Lady Blackburn discovered the theft of her property the following morning. As a result of inquiries made Defendant was found to be the culprit. All the articles stolen from Lady Blackburn were thrown into the harbour by Defendant since they could not be disposed of except the spectacles which were pawned for 20 cents.

Defendant was once employed as a house cooler at No. 114 The Peak but on July 10 he was dismissed when he was convicted on a charge of larceny of clothing from his employer.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour on the first count and three months on the second, the sentences to run concurrently. He was also recommended for deportation.

Brawl at Repulse Bay. An alleged assault on a chauffeur of Mr. Banerjee at Repulse Bay on the afternoon of June 12, 1941, was the subject of a case at Central Magistracy to-day when Ah Hui of 27 Tang Lung Street, was summoned for assaulting Li Tong, 49, of 118 Gloucester Road, causing him bodily harm.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for Defendant, while Complainant was represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Ross.

Complainant, examined by Mr. Silva, stated that he had been employed by Mr. Banerjee for three years. On the day in question he obtained leave from his employer and spent it with a picnic party at Repulse Bay. His master was also at Repulse Bay, having driven his car there himself.

Complainant said that later Defendant arrived there in a private car, noticed Mr. Banerjee's car, and asked Complainant to let him have a trial at driving it. Complainant refused, saying that it was his master's business and he was not to let it be driven by anyone else. Defendant walked away in an angry mood but returned later, and assaulted Complainant. The fight that followed caused a commotion, and was eventually stopped by the arrival of Complainant's mistress on the scene.

The case was adjourned to September 1.

Metals Controller. It is learned that H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. H. J. Lacey, M.A., to be Metals Controller, with effect from August 28, and that as from Monday, September 1, the licensing of metals will be transferred from the office of the Controller of Trade to that of the Metals Controller, at Holland House, 1st floor.

The Director of Supply, with the consent of the Governor, has delegated all his powers relating to unmanufactured, semi-manufactured, and manufactured metals and alloys to the Metals Controller, but without prejudice to the exercise of his powers by the Director of Supply, as he may think fit.

Seeking A Vicar. The following have been constituted a Board of Patronage for St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to take steps to find a new Vicar for the Parish:

The Bishop (for his Commissary, the Rev. E. W. L. Martin); the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach (representing the Archdiocese of Hongkong); Mr. R. B. L. 2,800, 2,000; May 20-22, 11,500 (10,000, 1,500); June 2-8, 11,700 (8,800, 2,900); June 9-15, 13,300 (10,800, 2,500); June 16-22, 12,700 (10,200, 2,500); June 23-29, 13,300 (10,800, 2,500); July 1-6, 11,700 (8,800, 2,900); July 7-13, 11,700 (8,800, 2,900); July 14-20, 12,700 (10,200, 2,500); July 21-27, 12,400 (8,800, 3,600); July 28-Aug. 3, 12,700 (8,800, 3,900); Aug. 4-10, 10,100 (8,200, 1,900); Aug. 11-17, 10,300 (7,800, 2,500).

A meeting was held on August 10 at which, states the Archdiocese, was reported that Mr. Wittenbach had, with the approval of the Church Council, written to the Archbishop of Melbourne and to Bishop Donald Baker, Principal of Ridley College, Melbourne, asking their assistance in finding a Vicar from Australia. The Bishop was also asked to make enquiries from the Church of Canada while in the United States.

Lady Northcote interviewed. The most extraordinary thing I found about these people was that time

Thursday

August 28

Husbands' Protest Meeting. Confronted with a no confidence vote at a mass meeting of Hongkong's bachelor-husbands to-day, the Evacuation Representation Committee resigned in a body and was replaced by a new committee.

The Peninsula Hotel Rose Room was crowded for the meeting, which was the outcome of Mr. W. V. Taylor's published announcement of his decision to resign from the post of Acting Honorary Secretary. He announced that decision in a letter to Mr. J. C. M. Post on August 20 in which he made certain allegations against the Committee.

At to-day's meeting he amplified those allegations, which, in the words of the Committee Chairman, Mr. C. E. Raffle, "were unpalatable to the Committee and its individual members."

Mr. Terry, who presided, roundly denied Mr. Taylor's several charges and was supported in his denials by Mr. J. F. MacGregor, Vice-Chairman, but one member of the Committee, Mr. J. Shepherd, supported Mr. Taylor's complaint in respect to a letter to the Colonial Secretary, which, it was stated, had not been shown to all the members before it was sent through the Governor.

Mr. R. J. Banks was elected Chairman of the new Committee, with Mr. Taylor as Hon. Secretary. The Committee decided to present a letter to the Governor to-day describing the adverse effects of the evacuation order and urging its immediate rescission.

Another public meeting will be held next Tuesday when the result of the interview with the Governor will be announced.

Members of the Committee present were Mr. C. E. Terry (Chairman), Messrs J. Shepherd, S. Simpson, F. E. Duckworth, J. N. Sweeney, A. C. Jeffreys, J. F. MacGregor and W. V. Taylor (Acting Hon. Secretary).

The new committee elected comprises Messrs J. Shepherd, N. Nickson, W. D. Gage and Jarvis, with Mr. W. V. Taylor as hon. secretary.

War Savings Certificates. It is expected that shortly Hongkong residents will be able to purchase the new savings certificates in the Colony. This was indicated officially to-day when it was revealed that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had approved of the idea of making them available to the Hongkong public.

Legislation is now being drafted to make this effective and it is expected the Bill will be ready for presentation to the Legislative Council within a few weeks.

It is presumed that war savings certificates will be purchasable from Post Office banks and other authorised centres.

Schools will probably be encouraged to assist the war effort by buying these certificates, as they are in England. There is a weekly contribution of usually sixpence is made by a child and when the required amount has been subscribed, he receives his certificate. These are interest-bearing. Business houses also organise drives in England for the sale of certificates, and towns hold a special "Savings Week."

Raffle Prizes Unclaimed. At a meeting of the Hongkong War Effort Committee held on Wednesday night, a report was received from Messrs Linstead & Davis, supervisors of the Monster Raffle held early in April, 1941, giving a list of the unclaimed prizes. These amount to approximately \$6,000 in value, covering 50 items.

The majority of the prizes, which include silverware, wines and spirits, open orders on local firms to the value of \$100 each, watches, jewelry etc., are now in the possession of the Committee, and it was decided at the meeting that as suitable opportunities occur, the prizes will be offered for sale by auction at various public functions, the proceeds to go to the Bomber Fund.

Six firms have sent cheques to the Committee in lieu of the prizes donated, and the sum of \$554 received from these sources is being paid to the Bomber Fund.

The following copies of telegrams between His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong and His Excellency the Governor of Malta are published for general information:

From Governor, Hongkong, to Governor, Malta, dated August 25.—A contribution of £1,000 is being made from the Malta Relief Fund through the Crown Agents for the Colonies, London, as a gift from the Government and people of this Colony.

From Governor, Malta, to Governor, Hongkong, dated August 25.—The people of Malta warmly appreciate the gift of £1,000 from the Government and people of Hongkong. I add my personal thanks.

It will be recalled that this gift was approved by the Legislative Council as a token of appreciation for a sister Colony.

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The people of Hongkong Lady Northcote sends a personal message. She has enjoyed her stay here and is grateful for the many kindnesses shown her; she regrets her imminent departure from the Colony, but offers her good wishes for the future of the people.

Discussing the morale of the people at Home, Lady Northcote said that they all had their jobs to do and did them, carrying on and making the best of things. It was difficult, she said, to explain to anyone in a place that had not experienced bombings, the calm disregard of air raids by the people of Britain.

The journey from Britain to Hongkong took 11 weeks ten weeks by sea to Penang, and another week by air to Hongkong.

The women of Penang, she said, were doing a great deal of war work. Like her own workers, they sent a lot of supplies to Britain, and, particularly, to the evacuees from bomb-affected areas. They did, however, less hospital work than we do here.

Fewer Immigrants. Arrivals in the Colony since April have shown a fairly considerable decrease according to figures obtained from Mr. J. H. B. Lee, Immigration Officer, yesterday, but whether this is the effect of the immigration restrictions cannot be ascertained as the number of arrivals before the introduction of the Immigration Ordinance was not available.

However, it was learned that since the start of the European war, there has been a tendency for fewer people to come in and more to go out of the Colony at this time of the year.

Following are the weekly figures of arrivals since April 22:

April 22-28, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); May 5-11, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); May 12-18, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); May 19-25, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); May 26-31, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); June 1-6, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); June 7-13, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); June 14-20, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); June 21-27, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); June 28-Aug. 3, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); Aug. 4-10, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400); Aug. 11-17, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton, 3,400).

It will be remembered that about a month ago the deposit system in respect of arrivals from Kowloon, Canton, and Macao was abolished, and this may have been one of the contributory causes to the decrease of arrivals from these ports since that time.

Saturday

August 30

Hollanders Celebrate. The birthday, which fell yesterday, of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, was fervently celebrated by the Netherlands community in Hongkong this evening, when a reception was held in honour of the Queen's birthday at the residence of Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg, acting Consul-General in Hongkong for the Netherlands, at No. 532 The Peak.

No official reception was given by the Consul-General during the day, as customary in peace time, but Netherlands attending the reception on Saturday evening took the opportunity to reaffirm their loyalty to their Queen, and to confirm again the "organic and functional relationship between the House of Orange and the Netherlands, a relationship which

has already been in existence for more than four centuries."

The toast to the Queen was followed by the singing of the Netherlands National Anthem.

Castle Peak Rd. Explosion. Mr. J. H. Ruttenberg's bungalow near the seaford at the 12-mile post, Castle Peak Road, was damaged by splinters and water about 12.30 p.m. on Friday, when a mine which had drifted from its mooring was dashed on the rocks and exploded with a terrific concussion.

The bungalow, which is some distance above sea level, was struck by a spout of water about 300 feet high, created by the explosion. Mine splinters and dead fish were scattered over a wide area, while trees and bushes in the vicinity were singed and uprooted, but fortunately there were no casualties.

Although the bungalow is still standing, its foundations are believed to have been affected. Doors and windows were blown in by the force of the explosion, while the furniture in the rooms was saturated. Pieces of metal about three inches in diameter, together with bits of rock, stones, and debris, were strewn over the house and grounds, causing considerable damage to the garden and plants.

A curious thing was that all the plaster outside the house, and some inside, became black, due possibly to the chemicals and acid from the mine.

One or two servants working in the bungalow had their hair singed, but except for the shock, received when the concussion shook the premises, they were not hurt.

Quips By "Argus"

While the cost of living is down a bit, the cost of leaving is suffering from inflation spiral.

And of course the Government can always tell the husbands, "You should have thought of all this before you proposed to her."

And when they're at it, why not have a bar sinister across the proposed husbands' badge?

I note from a heading that a climbing party has been surprised at Yau Ma Tei. Don't they ever get? Then there's the lady who looks like she was poured into her dress and forgot to say when.

The Health expert enlarges again on the blessings of ventilation. Perhaps for the average Hongkong flat he could invent a porous water-proof window pane.

Because of the freezing, it is reported that the 9,000,000 idle dollars in Shanghai. Why, that in real money must be at least three and fourpence!

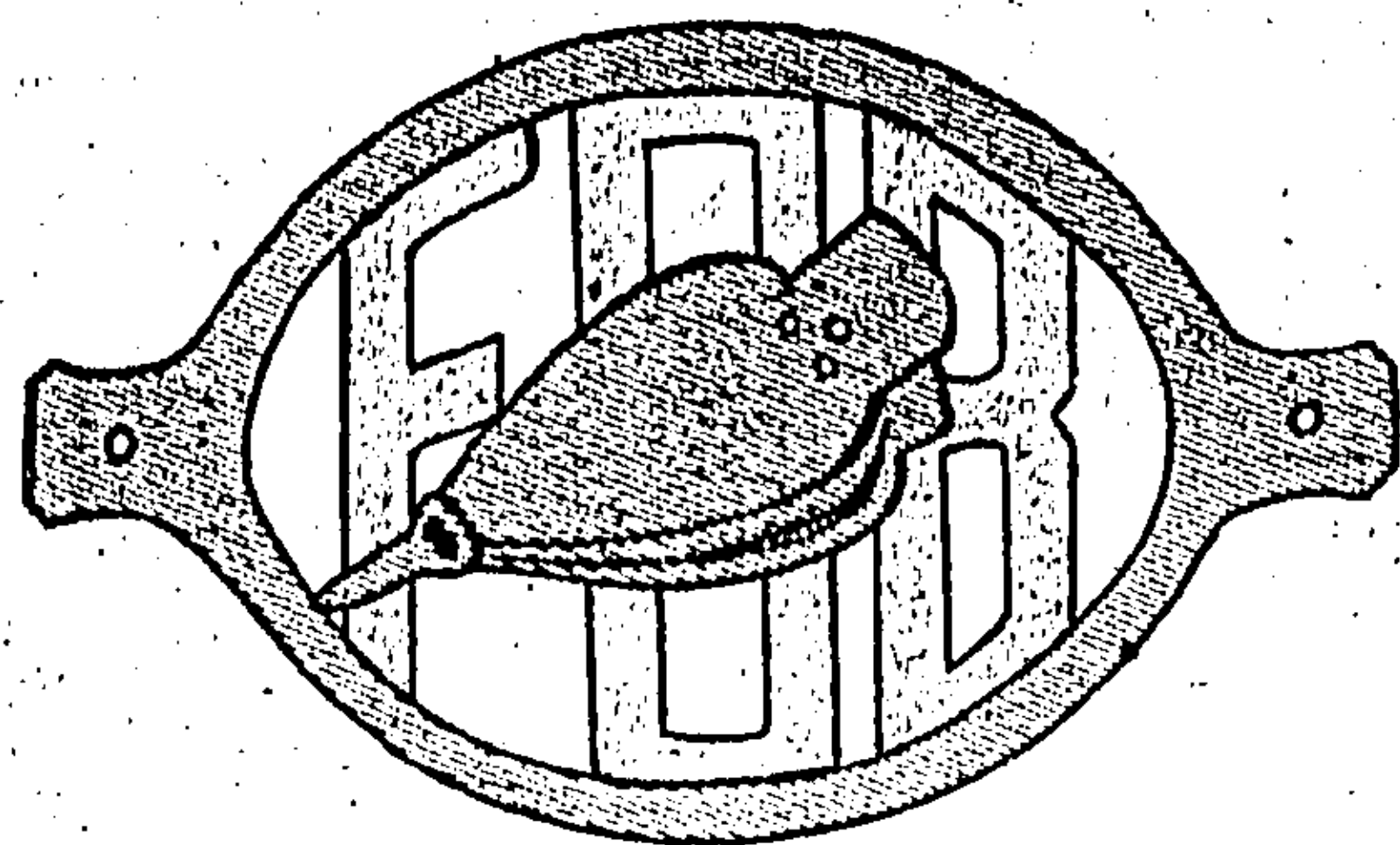
Many wild animals charge with their eyes closed. I know a few comrades who do the same.

The many impending divorces in this town are causing the lawyers to go round with dark triangles under their eyes.

"We had a hard road to hoe," said the husbands' chairman, as reported. Better stick to padding your own knees.

While the husbands were meeting, the wives were having a party. But then the sadder and the wiser are not always the same people.

We need another \$34,000 so that a Hongkong bombing unit can be formed. Well, maybe a bargain could be struck with the good hawkers or the Vegetable Guild.



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Thais Will Fight To Defend Their Soil

"The story of Thailand to-day is the story of a nation waiting to be invaded," declared Mr. Frank Gervasi, associate editor of the American magazine "Collier's," when he arrived in Singapore after spending ten days in Bangkok.

"I am personally convinced that the Thai are going to fight," he said. "They have their eyes open for what is happening."

"They believe that if they fight they will be saving face, honour and dignity as men who are confident that the Axis is going to lose and that they will get a decent break after peace."

"The Thai will tell you," he continued, "that they would rather die on their feet than live on their knees."

Pro-British

The people in Thailand, he said, were making very serious preparations to prepare themselves. "They are preponderantly pro-British," he added.

"Japan would be in for a bad time if she involved herself in a conflict with Britain and the U.S.A."

Speaking of Russo-Japanese tension, Mr. Gervasi said, "I think you can certainly expect an attack on Russia by Japan if the Germans continue successfully against the Soviet."

Accredited correspondent to the British Forces in the Middle East for three months this year—May, June and July—Mr. Gervasi spoke highly of the British soldier.

Britain Best Soldier

"The British Tommy is the best soldier in the world to-day," he said. "I have seen him fight. He is fearless and even under long suffering never complains. He is truly a 'great guy'."

The danger in the Middle East, he went on, had now passed. There was plenty of American material and ammunition there to augment British supplies.

"It was of the opinion that Britain

U. S. Buying 500 British Cinemas

Britain's largest combine of cinemas, Associated British Picture Corporation (the familiar A.B.C. halls which number over 500), may come under United States control soon.

According to the "Kinematograph Weekly," negotiations are nearly completed whereby Warner Brothers Pictures, Ltd., will buy the £4,500,000 held in shares by the widow of Mr. John Maxwell, the Glasgow solicitor who became Britain's leading film magnate.

If this deal comes off it will be a big step towards American control of British halls—a state of things which the Government has in the past been anxious to avoid.

The Warner company, which is bidding is a British one, but represents the United States parent combine.

Like all other American film firms it has large "frozen assets" in Britain because of Treasury limitations of export revenue.

would be starting an offensive in the Middle East "very soon."

"I think that Britain, aided by America, has gone over from the defensive to the offensive mentality. I am very optimistic about the future," he said.

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SOLUTION LIES WITH JAPAN

THE cautious tone adopted officially both in Washington and Tokyo regarding the possible outcome of the exchange of notes between Prince Konoze and President Roosevelt relevant to the existing Pacific crisis is understandable and sensible. Much depends on how much new ground Tokyo is prepared to break; if Prince Konoze's message to President Roosevelt goes no further than the time-honoured Japanese plea for "better understanding," which means nothing more than that the United States permit Japan to go ahead with her programme of aggression and expansion without let or hindrance, then little, if anything, can be expected from the latest negotiations.

It has been emphatically and clearly explained to Japan that the solution to the Pacific crisis lies very largely in her hands; its essential prerequisite is a willingness on the part of the Japanese Government to make concessions, the principal one of which is the renunciation of her policy of self-aggrandisement and acquisition of territory by force. It is doubtful, however, whether this in itself would be regarded by the democracies as sufficient. The political situation in the Far East created by Japan is so obnoxious to America and Britain that it cannot be indefinitely tolerated. That is, perhaps, a point of view which Japan has not sufficiently taken into account.

Considerable emphasis has been placed on the concern which Britain and America feel regarding threats to Malaya, the N.E.I., and the Philippines, but just as much concern is felt about the position of China as it is to-day, and manifestly, and rightly, aid from those two nations to China is going to be consistently increased. Japanese politicians who have always insisted upon the need for "realism" should take a leaf out of their own book in this respect. The situation is acute because it is obvious that if there is to be any improvement, Japan has got to modify her policy very considerably. Britain and the United States through Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt have categorically declared that they intend to stand for no further nonsense on the part of Tokyo. Britain's military preparedness both in Malaya and Hongkong supports that warning.

It will be the general and fervent hope of all sane people throughout the Orient that the latest efforts to avert the explosion so gravely threatening will meet with success; but Japan must not expect this to be accomplished at the expense of China; there is going to be no selling out of Chungking by either America or Britain. From now on the restraints and the sacrifices must come from Japan, and if these are not forthcoming, then Japan must accept the consequences, serious as they will be to all involved.



General Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief.

POLAND'S HEROIC CHOICE

By Jan Bolinski-Jundzill

Deputy-Director of the Polish
Research Centre

Poland made her choice when she accepted and reciprocated the British guarantee of April 6, 1939. It is not sufficiently realised in many countries that Poland had that choice in the Spring before the War.

Two paths lay before her. The first was to yield to German persuasion, make concessions with regard to Danzig and the Polish Corridor, and join the Axis. Poland, as a vassal state of Germany would then have taken part in a German campaign against Russia. The other alternative was to resist the German demands and espouse the cause of international order and freedom.

She chose the path of honour and was actually the first country to resist the mighty German war machine.

Hopeless Odds

The military campaign of 1939 was fought with desperate courage by the entire Polish people. The siege of Warsaw will for all time serve as an example of their indomitable spirit.

In the second week of the siege it was entirely clear that the situation was hopeless and there was no possibility of repelling the invader. Neverthe-

less the defenders of Warsaw fully realised that every day they fought on was causing the enemy heavy losses.

They preferred to sacrifice their material possessions, their city, their homes, their lives—in order to continue resistance as long as humanly possible.

The Germans had 75 divisions of infantry, 15 mechanised divisions and 5,000 aeroplanes in action. The Poles opposed this might with 25 divisions, one mechanised division and about 370 planes.

This was the unequal struggle Poland fought for a whole month. She would have held out longer had it not been for the Russian attitude. The German losses were very heavy and it is claimed by Polish authorities that the Nazis paid for their Polish victory with 150,000 dead, 200,000 wounded, about 700 tanks and 500 aeroplanes.

Vital Contribution

During the last war, when the German onslaught on Paris endangered the situation in the West, the armies of the Tsar helped by attacking West Prussia and thus contributed indirectly to the victory of the Marne. So in 1939, a short but bloody campaign in Poland secured to the Western Powers a period of respite and gave them the opportunity of affecting mobilisation and making further preparation for war.

To-day, with the vivid illustrations of German tactics in the battles of France and Greece before us, Poles are in-

Hitler embarked on his mad march on September 1, 1939. A special edition issued by the "Telegraph" late that evening told Hongkong the news. This is the message that heralded the start of war:

Acting less than four hours after he issued his Proclamation to the German Army, Herr Hitler this morning ordered General Goering, Chief of the German Air Force, to send the Reich warplanes over the Polish capital.

An urgent "United Press" message, despatched from Warsaw at 9 o'clock this morning (4 o'clock this afternoon, Hongkong Time) stated that German planes had bombed the capital.

No further details are to hand.

It is not known how many planes appeared over Warsaw, or what was the extent of the damage.

The incident, however, appears to confirm the contention that Hitler's Proclamation to the German Army was, in fact, a Declaration of War on Poland.

While this is going on in Poland thousands of Poles are now in Britain under the leadership of the Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief, General Sikorski.

Burning to avenge their country, keen to serve in the Allied cause, they braved great dangers, crossing frontiers and mountain ranges, passing through many countries till they reached France, where a new Polish army and air force were formed.

Destroyers and submarines of the Baltic and reached British ports to co-operate with the British Navy. Many of their exploits, particularly those of the Polish submarine Orzel, are well known.

After the French collapse, inspired by the same spirit of determination, the Polish Government and the Polish Army arrived in Britain. Since then they have continued to play their part in the war. I need not stress the part played by the Polish airmen in the battle of Britain when about 10 percent of the planes brought down in the autumn were the victims of Polish fighters.

Polish forces also played their part at Narvik in May and June 1940 and are now fighting in the Middle East which they reached through Syria and Palestine.

The century-old Polish National Anthem begins with the words: "Poland's soul is not departed while we live to own her." Poland's soul lives on and no persecution can destroy it.

Poland's part in the struggle to-day can be summed up in a few words. In Poland, stubborn resistance to German oppression. Elsewhere, an equally stubborn fight by the side of brave Allies.

Poland Fights On

From the secret press appearing in Poland and from reports emanating from other sources, it is clear that the Polish spirit of resistance remains unimpaired by this ruthless oppression. Polish faith in a final victory is unshaken.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play
AND
How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Nothing to Lose, Everything to Gain

THE "percentage" favouring one play over another may be infinitesimal, yet it is just such choices as this that mark the expert. Note to-day's deal.

Both sides vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.

♠ 87543
♥ A 103
♦ 7642
♣ A 10
♦ 100
♦ A Q 7 5 3
♣ K Q 10

The bidding:
South West North East
10 Pass 20 Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass

The bidding was identical at seven tables in a recent duplicate game and in every case West opened the fourth best spade. Some declarers went up with dummy's queen, others let the lead ride to the A-10. But since East had both the king and jack, this was immaterial—South lost his only spade stopper immediately. With the heart suit wide open it was apparent that the only hope of fulfilling the contract depended on running the diamond suit without losing the lead. No other consideration was involved.

The K-10-4 of diamonds were outstanding. As we know, with only ten of a suit, missing the king, the proper play is to finesse, not to play for a drop. Hence, if the diamond king is in West's hand, whether guarded or unguarded, it will make sense, there is no reason to violate the rule of play. Thus, we must finesse, but in precisely what manner? Entering dummy with a club, should we lead a low

diamond and finesse to the queen, or lead the jack and, if it is not covered, let it ride?

The answer to this is simple when we consider the possible distributions of the missing diamonds. If East has the king blank, the K-10 or the K-4, it does not matter what diamond we lead from dummy; we are safe in all cases. There is a possibility, however, that East holds all three of the missing diamonds, and in that case it will be fatal to lead low to the queen. East, of course, will not split his honours; he will put the four on the deuce. The queen holds but, when West fails to follow, our doom becomes plain. East still has the K-10 and no manner of play can shut out his trick.

If we play properly, however, and lead dummy's jack, it is East who is doomed. If he covers, our ace wins and, since West shows out, another finesse is established against the ten-spot. If East ducks, the jack holds. Thus, since there is nothing to lose in any case by leading the jack, and something to gain in one case, this selection becomes the "percentage" play.

I regret to report that, of the seven declarers, only two led the jack instead of a low diamond through East and, hence, only two fulfilled their contracts.

To-morrow's Hand
South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A K 4
♥ J 10 6
♦ Q J 10 8 3
♣ 9 2

♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 5 3 2
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ 7 6

How should this hand be bid?

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"—so it's settled, that at the approach of enemy aircraft, we all meet here for lunch!"

Left His Secretary £10,000

But Nothing At All To His Wife

Lieut.-Colonel Claude Beddington, who was killed by Nazi machine-guns last August, left £10,000 to his woman secretary and nothing to his widow.

The secretary is Miss Margaret, Clary Adams, aged 27, of Gloucestershire, W. She had been working for Colonel Beddington for some years.

Mrs Claude Beddington, the widow, now in Canada, is an Irishwoman. In his £320,000 will her husband stipulated that his executors should invest none of his money in any Irish land or Irish shares.

In 1939 Mrs Beddington published a book entitled "All That I Have Met." She has described as among her recreations, "Talking four languages, helping under-dogs, working for lost causes, and shopping at Woolworth's and Marks and Spencer's."

Killed Off Wales

Colonel Beddington built his own yacht, the Cachalot, and gave it to the Admiralty, with his services. He was serving off the Welsh coast when two German bombers machine-gunned the decks and killed him. He left £3,000 to a former secretary, Miss Ida L. Nisbet.

With the exception of a few other legacies he bequeathed the rest of his property to his only daughter Sheila, who is in Bermuda with her three small children.

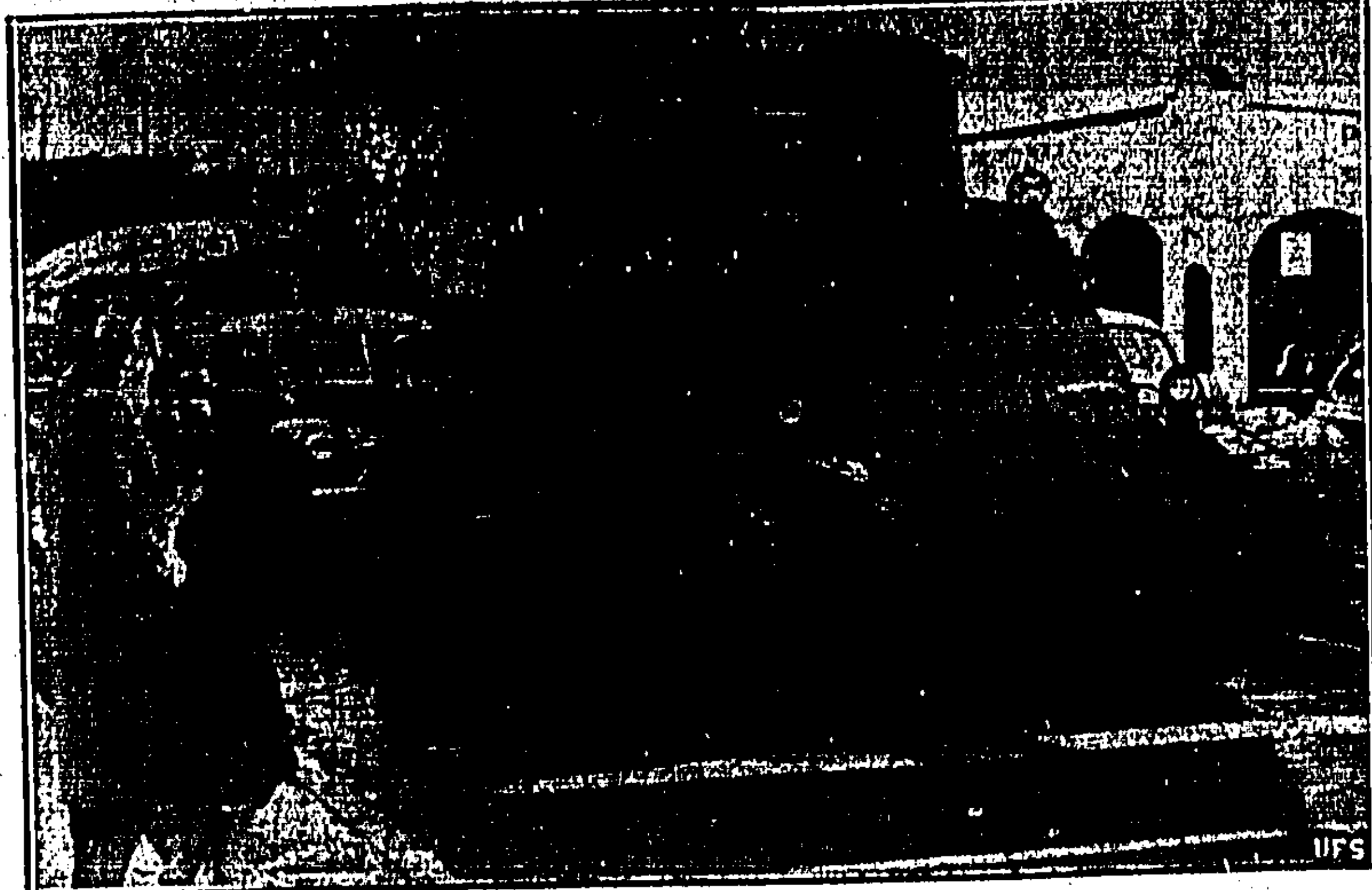
OPPOSITION TO NAZIS GROWS

Partisan Warfare

MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—How greatly the opposition to Nazi rule in occupied countries has increased was stressed by M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, in a statement to foreign correspondents to-day.

This opposition is finding expression in partisan warfare, acts of sabotage, and attacks on German agents, German officers and soldiers. M. Lozovsky declared that ten weeks ago, the shots fired at Leningrad were impossible. Similarly strikes in Poland had previously been impossible, but now there had been one at the important Polish railway junction of Rzhynov and a serious railway accident at Krupkov.

Ten weeks of heroic resistance by the Red Army against nine-tenths of the entire German armed forces and the enormous losses inflicted on Germany had raised the spirits of the down-trodden occupied countries.



THEY SHALL NOT PASS—This is a new American 30-ton tank standing against a traffic line, waiting for the traffic light to change. It is the first tank off the production line at the Baldwin plant at Chester, Pa.

German Morale Slumps, Reports Chinese Envoy

Germany and Japan can be defeated by Great Britain, China, Russia and the United States if these four powers fight together, Chen Chien, Chinese Ambassador in Berlin until July 3, said on his arrival in New York. He intimated that slow German progress in Russia had disappointed the Germans, who had been used to quick success. But he warned against wishful thinking and a hope of a German collapse.

Tamerlane's Body Is Exhumed

A Moscow message that the tomb of Tamerlane at Samarkand, where the great conqueror of the fourteenth century lay buried, has been opened by Russian scientists.

The skeleton was found in a well-preserved condition and is now being examined by water. The skull has been damaged by water. The right leg was shorter than the left, a detail which agrees with tradition. Inside a heavy marble tomb. Heavy brocades with inscriptions in gold thread have also been found. Two sons and grandson of Tamerlane have also been exhumed from their father's tomb.

Tamerlane, who died while marching to invade China, had conquered Syria, Persia, the Caucasus, and Turkey and had invaded India during his lifetime of 20 years.

"It is not easy for the Germans to carry on the war on two fronts and to control the subjugated nations at the same time," the Ambassador said in an interview. "But the German Government decided to fight the Russians for two reasons, as far as we could make out in Berlin. First, because Germany needed food and oil; secondly, because the German High Command thought that if they did defeat Great Britain they would have to fight the Soviets later. And they preferred to defeat the Russians first."

Until the beginning of the Russian campaign German morale was good, the ambassador said. The war in the Balkans boosted it as it was another proof of the invincibility of the German arms.

But many Germans were startled when the Russian campaign began, although diplomatic circles in Berlin knew several months ahead that it was coming.

Nazis Not Happy
Mr Chen could not confirm the report that Reich Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering had dis-

approved of the Russian campaign, but he had heard that many high Nazis were not happy about it.

There was a hope in Germany that the Russian campaign would not last long and that a peace offer to Great Britain would then be made and accepted, the envoy said. If it is not, the Germans will try to invade Great Britain, it is still believed in Berlin, but when they will attempt to do so, nobody could tell.

"The strategic plans are naturally a well guarded secret," Mr Chen commented.

Italians Hope British Win

Dr Mao Chu-keng, a member of the Chinese Legation in Rome, said that the great majority of the Italian people prayed for a quick British victory that would free them from German domination. The Germans were hated everywhere, he added, and the popularity of Mussolini and Ciano was very low. But there was still esteem for King Victor Emmanuel, he said, and Marshal Pietro Badoglio was respected.

It was commonly known in Rome, Dr Mao said, that whenever Mussolini drives through the town, the people are pushed off the streets where he is to pass, so that he will not be shot.

POST-WAR FASCISM DANGER

A warning of the dangers of Fascism in Britain in the three years following the war was given by the Home Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, recently.

"The danger of Fascism has not greatly increased during the war," he told a London Labour Party meeting at which Professor Harold Laski spoke on Post-War Reconstruction.

"It all depends on the capacity of the Government and the Labour Party, and how far we are orderly, courageous, swift and determined in reconstructing society and our economic organisation. "And by reconstruction I do not mean going back to things as they were because things as they were were wrong."

Mad Experiment

If people were allowed to drift into a "things can't be worse" state of mind they would try any mad experiment to get out of things as they were.

Harold Laski declared that no was in favour of a continuance of the present shape of Government for a year after the war on certain conditions.

"I have faith that between now and the end of the war we can secure agreement on a programme of reconstruction for the year succeeding the armistice," he said.

Depends On Tories

"That would allow us to concentrate on European reorganisation without the distractions of a political fight. "But it will depend upon the attitude of the Conservatives."

The war has proved beyond all question that the conflict of private interests could not produce a well-ordered commonwealth. The Government must control the whole mechanism of national credit—banks and the rest, and transport, coal and electric power.

Engineers "Lost" In The Forces

Complaint By Union Against War Office

INSTEAD of diluting industry so much the authorities should dilute the Forces, said Mr Jack Tanner, President, at the National Conference of the Amalgamated Engineering Union recently.

It was complained that young skilled engineers were being taken away into the Forces while dilutees, also young men eligible for the Forces, were taking their jobs.

The conference also protested that men working long hours should not be compelled to undertake compulsory fire watching, especially for little or no pay.

Consultation With Union

On the question of reserved occupations a resolution was passed urging that there should be consultation with the union before changes were made, to prevent undue interference with industry.

Mr Tanner said they recognised that with the development of mechanisation the Forces had to have skilled men.

The union had, however, supplied lists of members in technical corps, besides line regiments, who, should joining up, had never handled the tools of their trade. The conference passed a resolution stating that the fire-watching regulations issued by the Home Secretary were unacceptable unless payment for work done was in accordance with the overtime and all-night shift-agreements.

By 23 votes to 23 with one neutral a resolution having as its purpose the repudiation of the political truce was defeated.

Worship Of Fuhrer Not Enough

News has just reached London of the strangest religious revival in history.

It is taking place in Germany, where, since the Nazi ideology took root, religious persecution has flourished. But the Nazi leaders are finding that the terror of air raids cannot be overcome without the consolation of religion, and in consequence a number of concessions have been granted to Catholics.

Reports state that Goering has ordered the lifting of restrictions on going to church after air raids, and Catholic priests may now go out during an Alert to administer the last sacraments.

Goering has also informed the German Episcopate, through the Church Ministry, that further orders will be issued with a view to aiding priests in carrying out their religious duties during raids.

Jew-Baiting Relaxed

Some time ago it was stated that Jew-baiting had been relaxed in the Reich with a view to securing much-needed additions to war workers.

The baneful Nazi leaders, it is learned, have found it extremely distasteful to have to admit that their regime has not completely obliterated from the minds of their people the need for something more than adoration of the Fuhrer to sustain them in the ever-increasing fury of the R.A.F.'s raids.

Substitute For Wheat A Suitable Flour From Bananas

INVESTIGATIONS carried out by the Department of Agriculture, Malaya, have shown that a variety of banana (Pisang Tunggal) produces the brightest coloured flour, especially if the central core of the fruit is removed before drying.

The "Malayan Agricultural Journal" quotes the Brazil News for information about the installation of a plant at Santos where ripe bananas are dried and powdered by a process which does not destroy the cell structure and which conserves the vitamins.

The flour is put up in tins containing the equivalent of 5 lb. of mature fruit, one tablespoonful representing one banana. Retention of the vitamin content is important in that banana flour is a useful source of at least one member of the B2 complex, recent work having revealed a riboflavin content of 0.84 mg. per kilogram of the raw fruit.

"It will be recalled from the whole meal bread controversy that both vitamin B1 and B2 are lacking in white bread. Tinned banana flour may well prove a suitable subsidiary product of our banana plantations and our own West Indian growers are presumably alive to its possibilities. The saving in shipping space is another point in its favour."

In 1940, the net imports into Malaya of wheat were 60,407 tons, and of wheat these two net imports amounting to \$5,285,718.

There would, therefore, appear to be a strong case for the further extension of the area under a particular variety of bananas for the manufacture of flour to replace in part this considerable import of wheat and wheat flour," states the Malayan Agricultural Journal.



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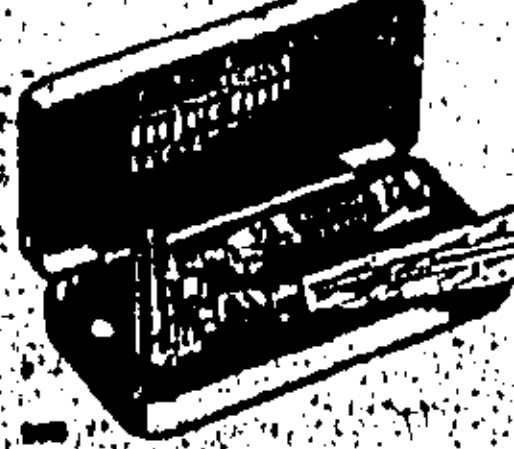
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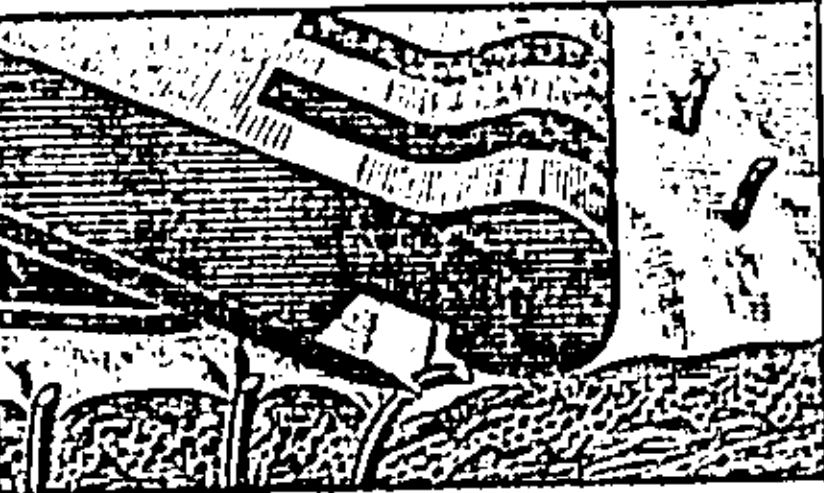


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Tobruk Defenders' Bayonet Charge

CAIRO, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—In the Tobruk area one of our patrols attacked an enemy post with bayonet inflicting casualties. During the day there was a fair amount of enemy shell fire. There was one enemy air raid but this caused no damage. In the frontier area there was some exchange of artillery fire.

Laval And Deat Improving

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—There is a decided improvement in the condition of Laval and Marcel Deat, says a Paris message. Laval's temperature is falling and the bullet in his body is becoming enclosed in a spot that is not dangerous. "Deat" is considered, may be out of danger.

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HALIFAX LOOKS IT OVER—Lord Halifax, left, Britain's Ambassador to U.S., looks over a North American Harvard training plane, at a plant in Los Angeles. This type of plane is used by Canada and England for training young fliers.

Crack Dutch Hospital Ship For Wounded

BATAVIA (UP)—The conversion of the ocean liner, Oranje, into the world's most complete hospital ship has been a major Dutch war effort. The alteration of luxury lounges into spotless wards, the installation of a large operating theatre, and the covering of mosaic walls with white celotex was done in Australia.

The Oranje was built in Holland in 1939, displaces 20,000 tons, and has a top speed of between 26 and 29 knots an hour. It is claimed that she is the fastest motor ship afloat, aside from war vessels.

Professor Reddingius, foremost surgeon in the Netherlands East Indies, will head the medical staff, which is mostly Dutch. An executive officer staff and its command of twenty-five Australian and New Zealand medical corps men make up the ship's medical complement. A number of Dutch nurses have volunteered and are signed on to help care for the Australian wounded en route to Australia from war zones in Europe and the Middle East.

Air-Cooled Wards
The Oranje accommodates 700 beds, many of which are air-cooled wards and cabins. One feature of the vessel is the extensive mental ward that has been specially built in the promenade deck. Barred portholes and wired-in exercise space are in evidence, and a number of padded cells have been erected.

Australian and New Zealand male nurses are aboard. A cot lift has been built midships so that men may be transported from deck to deck without the discomfort of negotiating stairs. In the fracture wards beds can be unsprung so that they remain at one angle regardless of how much the ship may roll. Also these wards are located nearest the lifeboats.

Armour-Plated
The wireless room and bridge have been armour-plated to guard against machine-gunning from planes.

A complete laboratory, a dentist's office, a heat distillery room have been installed aboard. Other special features are a milk room where quantities of powdered milk may be converted into liquid quickly, and x-ray theatre.

The Oranje will continue in its mercy service, removing, Anzac casualties from expeditionary forces until the conclusion of hostilities.

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Hollanders Celebrate Birthday Of Queen Wilhelmina

A very pleasant reception was held on Saturday night at the residence of the Acting Consul-General for the Netherlands, Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg No. 532 The Peak, in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

There were about 70 persons present, mostly members of the local Dutch community, and some Chinese. Welcoming the guests, Mr. Middelburg said that when they looked back on the last birthday of Her Majesty, which was celebrated in the same room, they could say without being over-optimistic that the future for their country looked better than ever. "Our allies are undefeated and the spirit of resistance in the Netherlands is growing," he said. "It seems that the chances of war are already about to turn. On this day our thoughts go to our beloved Queen, who at the head of her Government in hospitable England, works at the liberation of the Fatherland in Europe. We wish her good health and longevity. May she soon return to her country, liberated from foreign oppression."

A toast to Her Majesty was drunk to the strains of the Netherlands National Anthem, after which Mr. J. H. van der Laan, President of the Committee of the Netherlands Day of Freedom in Hongkong addressed the gathering, which later listened in to the London relay of the celebrations in England.

Yesterday Mr. Middelburg gave a short talk over ZBW to mark the occasion.

Colour Bar In England

Noted Indian Lawyer Turned Away

THE famous Indian lawyer, Sir Hari Singh Gour, was bombed out in England recently.

He booked rooms at an hotel, but when he arrived he was told: "We don't take anyone but Englishmen."

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, admitted in the Commons that he was powerless to act against the hotel.

Told of this, Sir Hari retorted that Mr. Morrison's reply was "hopelessly inadequate."

"He could have invoked the Emergency Powers Act and closed down the hotel as being inimical to Anglo-Indian relations."

Mr Morrison Pressed

The question raised in the Commons by Sir Stanley Reed (Cons., Aylesbury), who asked Mr. Morrison what he would do to prevent the incident being repeated.

Mr. Morrison replied: "I understand that this allegation relates to an unlicensed private hotel. I have no power to intervene."

But Winton (C., Horsham) said the names of the people concerned should be published.

Britain's Might After Bitter Struggle

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the call to arms by creating the Home Guard.

Different Picture

How very different is the picture to-day of Britain's growing military might! The Army itself has been expanded till we have at least three million men under arms and these men are now well organised and commanded from general to corporal. Our losses have been made good, we are powerfully armed with anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank weapons and field artillery which protect our towns, factories and our many widely-flung naval and air bases, stretching, as they do, from Iceland down to the west and east coasts of Africa, along the southern shores of Asia as far as Singapore and Hongkong into the Pacific Ocean.

Though the Army as a whole has not yet stepped on the stage to play a great decisive part in the offensive strokes which it will have to do to complete our victory, it is collecting and massing in two directions which are dictated by sound strategy for the location of our reserves, namely these islands, and the Middle East.

Far East Reserves

The necessity of stopping Japanese aggression is causing us to collect a third reserve in the Pacific. The Army is getting ready to strike anywhere when the moment arrives.

But though our military forces have so far only been employed in small bodies, they have gained some glorious victories and have won successes which cannot be surpassed by any army. Thus our first campaign in Libya, the Abyssinian campaign and the conquest of Syria were all carried out brilliantly against an enemy which was far superior and army numerically far better equipped.

To-day our forces are reaching a high standard of motorisation all over the world and tanks are arriving in good and increasing numbers.

In Britain itself, the Home Guard, composed of civilians, are engaged in every kind of work and have reached a stage in training and equipment at which they must be seriously reckoned with in case of any attempt at invasion.

R.A.F. Raid Tripoli And Destroy Ships

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tons outside the harbour on fire from the stem to the funnel and two other ships of 5,000 tons each in the harbour burnt out and another alight at two points. Fires at the base of the Karamanli Mole were still burning.

Benghazi
"At Benghazi, a low-level attack was made on a ship at Juliana Mole and a cloud of white smoke was seen after the attack."

"Aircraft concentrated on Berka Aerodrome were machine-gunned."

"Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed store dumps north of Bardia and several fires were started."

"During the night of August 29-30, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed Gerbini Aerodrome (Sicily) and carried out a machine-gunning attack."

"Other aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm located a merchant ship of 8,000 tons escorted by destroyers off Sicily and attacked the convoy. The merchant ship was believed to have been hit by a torpedo."

"Yesterday Blenheim aircraft of the R.A.F. bombed the power houses of munition factories of Lleanta and obtained a number of direct hits on each target. Clouds of smoke were seen and debris was thrown high into the air. Considerable damage was done."

Abyssinia
"In Abyssinia, R.A.F. and South African Air Force aircraft bombed and machine-gunned enemy fortified positions at Deberch on August 29 and again yesterday, direct hits being observed on the forts, huts and trenches."

"From all these operations, one of our aircraft is missing."

Bowden Transferred To Singapore

SYDNEY, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—The Australian Trade Commissioner to China, Mr. V. G. Bowden, has been appointed official Australian representative in Singapore with authority in political, commercial and administrative matters.

He will be assisted by a commercial secretary and a political officer. The United Kingdom Government have welcomed the move.

LATE NEWS

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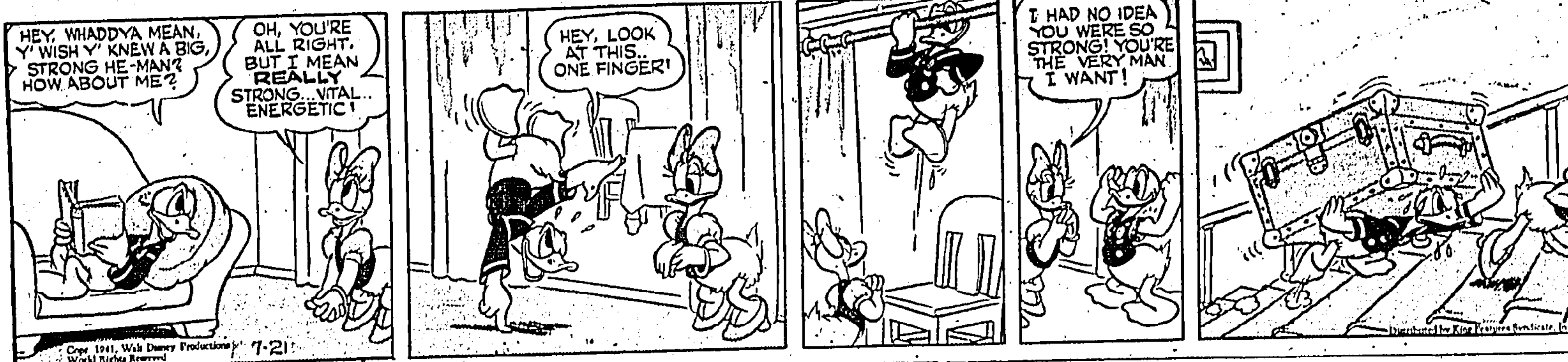
Change of Policy

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3. Motor cars containing guests invited to attend Queen's Pier will proceed via Murray Road and Connaught Road Central to the Hongkong Club where guests will alight and walk to Queen's Pier. Cars will be parked in Connaught Road Central east of the Hongkong Club.
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Blitzed Press
Will Carry On

CHUNGKING, Aug. 31 (Central News).—During the Japanese bombing of Chungking this afternoon, both the editorial and printing departments of "Yi Shih Pao," well-known Chinese Catholic paper formerly published in Tientsin, received several direct hits and were completely wrecked. Fortunately, all the staff members and workers took shelter in advance and escaped death.

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8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.
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Distinguished
Sailors Retire

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Two distinguished naval careers ended to-day with the retirement of Rear Admiral Joseph Taussig, hero of the Peiping Relief Expedition in 1900, and Rear Admiral Hayne Ellis, former Commander of the Atlantic Squadron.

The rank of Vice-Admiral is conferred on Admiral Taussig simultaneously with his retirement.

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Budenny
Addresses
Enemies

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The appeal refers to the first world war in which "millions of your brothers and fathers were sent to death and destruction by German and Austro-Hungarian imperialism" and adds: "Act as you acted in the time of the first war—turn your weapons against those who drive you to death."

Marshal Budenny adds that a lie is being spread that the Red Army kills prisoners of war and promises "We guarantee you your life, good treatment and speedy return to your homeland."

Concentrations Of
Italian Troops

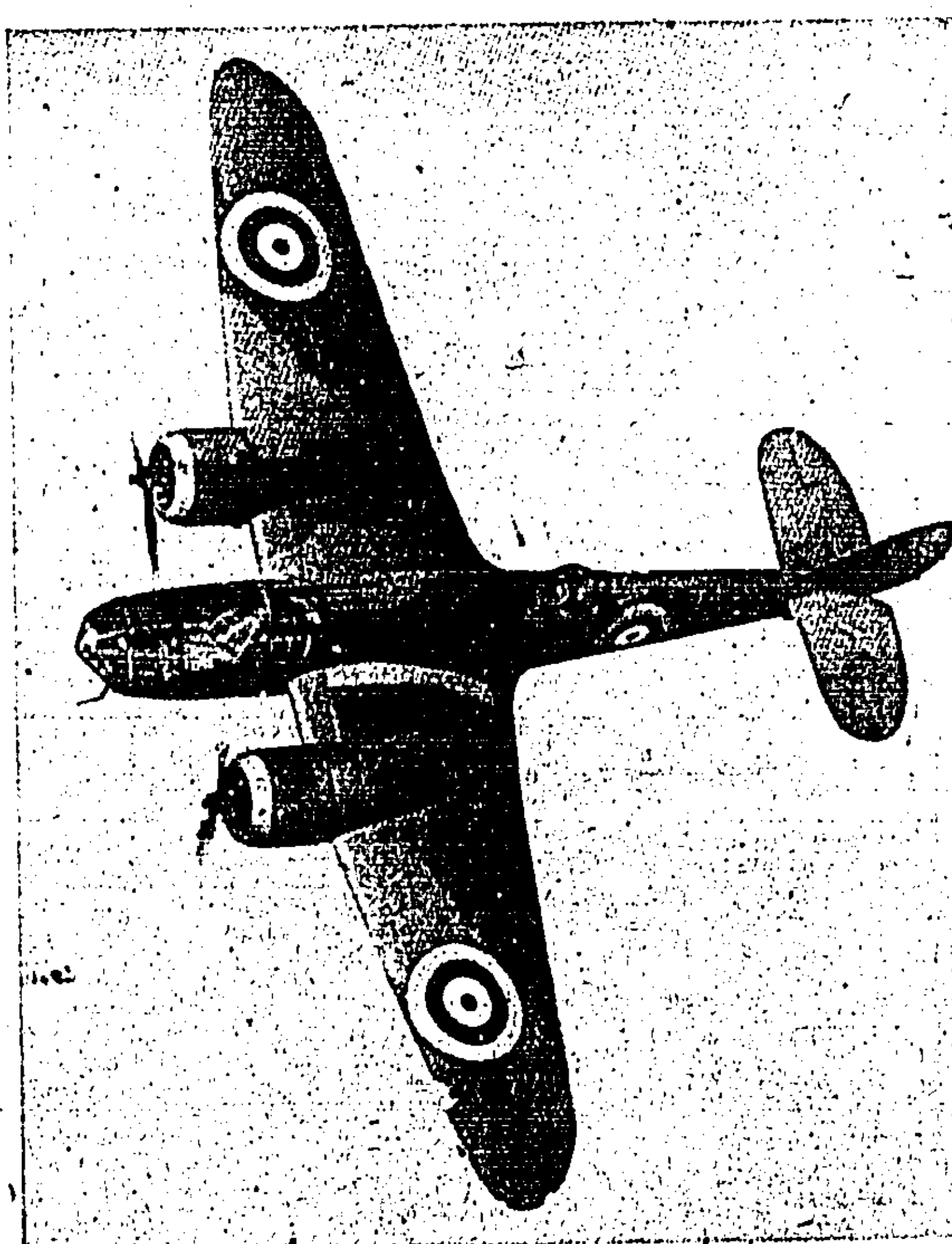
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The Printed Matter Service to the
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is suspended.

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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways"
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Monday, Sept. 1
Air Mail by Air to Hongkong to connect
with the "British Overseas
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K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 1, 4 p.m.
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with the "British Overseas
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Reg. Sept. 5, 4.00 p.m.
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Thursday, Sept. 11
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu,
U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-Am-
erican Airways and Trans-
Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 11, 5 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 11, 5.30 p.m.

Reg. Sept. 11, 5 p.m.
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Tuesday, Sept. 23
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu,
U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-Am-
erican Airways and Trans-
Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 23, 5 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 23, 5.30 p.m.

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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

August 25

Day of Heavy Rain. With a rainfall of 1.1 inches for the 23 hours ending at 11 p.m., to-day was the wettest day of the month.

Some rain fell shortly after midnight, but there were only intermittent drizzles until shortly before noon when a heavy downpour began and continued until late in the evening. This month has been rather dry for August, although early in the month there were promises to the contrary. On August 3 over two inches of rain fell and more than one and half inches on August 4, but there have been very few heavy downpours since. The rainfall for Sunday was half an inch.

The Bomber Fund. The following telegram, dated August 21, has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies by His Excellency the Governor:

"Following from Colonel Moore Brabazon's latest £5,000 from South China Morning Post War Fund grant, fully acknowledged. Please convey my deep appreciation. Such generous help to our united war effort is invaluable.

Cost of Living. Only slight changes in the prices of foodstuffs took place during the past ten days. Beef remains at 80 cents a pound, but pork is down by five cents, being 75 cents a pound. Pork chops are, however, 12.5 cents a pound.

Vegetables, though not plentiful show little change in price. Apples are 1.50 a catty, which is 20 cents higher than last week. Eggs are very expensive, ordinary cooking ones being 84 cents a dozen, with those of August 16 in brackets, were:

Pork .85 cts a pound; chops .125 a pound (.90 cts).

Beef .50 cts a pound (.80 cts).

Chicken .150 a catty (.81.00).

Eggs .94 cts a dozen (.82 cts).

Potatoes .9 cts a pound (.10 cts).

Onions .8 cts a pound (.18 cts).

Brinjals .15 cts a pound (.10 cts).

Tomatoes .32 cts a pound (.30 cts).

Oranges .17 cts each (.18 cts).

Apples .40 cts red, 25 cts green (.60 cts red).

More U.S. Ships For Pacific. The dislocation of passenger traffic schedules and shortage of accommodation resulting from the requisitioning of American ships by the American Government has been slightly alleviated. It was stated in shipping circles to-day.

Of the seven President Lines steamers which were delivered to the United States Maritime Commission on completion of their voyages some time ago, it is understood that three of the ships are now to remain in the service of the American President Lines for the time being on a trip to trip basis.

Apart from requisitioning, the decision of the Japanese shipping companies not to allow their ships to call here has also resulted in the stranding of a number of people, and inconvenience to others.

The situation would appear to be much improved now, with an increased number of American ships calling here next month.

Three ships of the American President Lines are expected to leave Hongkong for the United States. The first is expected to leave about the first week in September, another about the middle of the month, and the third towards the end of the month. Further information regarding these sailings may be had on application to the American President Lines, Limited.

Tuesday

August 26

Hongkong Bombers. Hongkong has only to subscribe another \$10,000 and a bomber squadron, pending the Colony's name, will go into operation against the Nazis. This revealed in an official reply from London to inquiries made by the sponsors of the Bomber Fund.

The knowledge that a bomber squadron will bear the name of Hongkong has stimulated donations for some time past and the S. C. M. Post Ltd. recently received many enquiries as to how much money is required to raise the cost of the squadron.

On August 20, a telegram was dispatched to the Ministry for Air, requesting the Government to allow the Bomber Fund to purchase Hongkong's Bomber Squadron.

The following reply was received yesterday from the Ministry of Aircraft Production. We should like to arrange for medium Bomber Squadron, probably for them to be based at Hongkong. To enable us to do so we should require a further £20,000, making the required total of £100,000.

The Balance Required. Subscriptions to the Fund have increased to £151,039.10 to the British Government. The Fund has in hand just over £4,000 towards the next instalment, leaving a balance of approximately £147,000 needed to make up the required sum.

In local currency therefore, approximately \$354,000 is still required. The Colony will do its utmost to help towards such a worthy goal.

On July 16, 1941, His Excellency the Governor received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, expressing gratification at the generous flow of contributions from subscribers of the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund. His Excellency also received another telegram on the same day from Lieut. Colonel Moore Brabazon, Minister for Aircraft Production, who also conveyed grateful thanks, expressing the hope that the day was not far distant when a bomber squadron will go into service to beat down the enemy's war machine.

Swimming Championships. The European M.C.A. Swimming Championships began this evening when two new records were established and one eight-year-old mark was equaled. E. A. Roberts caused the biggest upset of the evening when he beat B. S. Wilson in the 100 yards backstroke championship in the new time of 70.2 seconds. Wilson clocked 80.2 secs, last year's time. F. Willis, who has had little practice this season, was third in a long way behind.

A. F. May had stiff opposition from L. A. Benn and D. Hutchinson in the men's 220 yards freestyle championship which May won in 1 min. 43.3 secs, equalling the record established by H. G. (Bert) Lange in 1933. There was little in the race after the first

100 yards, but at the completion of 150 yards Hutchinson, who had set a new record, was fired quickly and dropped behind.

The last 20 yards provided a thrilling finishing burst by Benn, but he was beaten by two seconds by May, who lowered last year's time (1 min. 55.3 secs).

Hutchinson was first to complete the 50 yards in 30 secs with May at 32.5 and Benn at 33. May required 34.5 to beat over the next 60 yards and he and Hutchinson reached the 100 yards mark in 60 with Benn at 60. May required 61.5 to beat over the next 60 yards when he clocked 1 min 45 secs to Hutchinson's 1 min 40, with Benn at 1.52. May reached the 200 yard mark in 2 mins 28 secs and Benn at 2 mins 33 secs.

The absence of R. Larch and N. Moberg robbed the last 50 yards free-style event of its competitive flavour, but Saunders swam unopposed to clock 28 secs and so lower his last year's record by 2.5 secs.

Colony's Trade. According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of July, 1941, totalled \$119.9 millions (£7.3 millions), as compared with \$119.0 millions (£7.4 millions) in July, 1940.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 0.8 per cent, in July, 1941, as compared with July, 1940, and decreased by 1.4 per cent, in terms of sterling.

HUSBANDS HOLD PUBLIC MEETING



Husbands of evacuees held a public meeting to-day.

Review Of The Principal Topics Aug 24 To Aug 30

Wednesday

August 27

Peak Burglaries. A girl was gagged by a burglar who entered her bedroom at 115 The Peak, according to a story told to Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Central Magistracy to-day, in a case which also concerned the theft of several articles belonging to Lady Blackburn, wife of the Counsellor to the British Embassy at Chungking.

Yang Chang-tang, 24, unemployed, was convicted on two counts of (a) breaking into No. 115 The Peak and stealing from the premises one handbag containing \$11.05, one purse, two pairs of sunglasses, one silver watch and one rosary, valued at \$56.95, the property of Miss G. Yburna, children's nurse, and (b) stealing two pairs of spectacles, one rosary bead bracelet, one gold cross, two bangles, one gold finger ring, one silver expanding necklace, one imitation pearl necklace and one carved jade slip, valued at \$104, the property of Lady Blackburn, at No. 114 The Peak.

It was stated that about 4.20 a.m. on August 24 Miss Yburna was suddenly awakened by some noise in her bedroom but seeing nothing, she went to sleep again.

Sometime later she was again awakened by the sound of the door of a wardrobe opening. She had a glimpse of Defendant taking out of the wardrobe a bag and was about to scream when Defendant seeing that she was awake, gagged her with a piece of cloth. Defendant ran to the window and escaped. The house was broken into through a window which was reached by means of a ladder.

Defendant was arrested by an Indian watchman at Hill Crest and admitted that the articles found in his possession were stolen. Miss Yburna recognised the articles as her property.

Lady Blackburn discovered the theft of her property the following morning. As a result of inquiries made, Defendant was found to be the culprit. All the articles stolen from Lady Blackburn were thrown into the harbour by Defendant since they could not be disposed of except the spectacles which were pawned for 20 cents.

Defendant was once employed as a house cook at No. 114 The Peak but on July 19 he was dismissed when he was convicted on a charge of larceny of clothing from his employer.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour on the first count and three months on the second, the sentences to run concurrently. He was also recommended for deportation.

Brawl At Repulse Bay. An alleged assault on a chauffeur of Mr. Banerjee at Repulse Bay on the afternoon of June 12 had a sequel before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Central Magistracy to-day when Ah Hui of 27 Tang Lung Street, was summoned for assaulting Li Tong, 44, of 116 Gloucester Road, causing him bodily harm.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for Defendant, while Complainant was represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Ross.

Complainant, examined by Mr. Silva, stated that he had been employed by Mr. Banerjee for three years. On the day in question he obtained leave from his employer and spent it with a picnic party at Repulse Bay. His master was also at Repulse Bay, having driven his car there himself.

Complainant said that later Defendant arrived there in a private car, noticed Mr. Banerjee's car, and asked Complainant to let him have a trial at driving it. Complainant refused, saying that it was his master's business and he was sworn to keep it secret. Defendant walked away in an angry mood but returned later, and assaulted Complainant. The fight that followed caused a commotion, and was eventually stopped by the arrival of Complainant's mistress on the scene.

The case was adjourned to September 1.

Metals Controller. It is learned that H. E. Banerjee, Controller of Metals, B. J. Lacom, M.A.M.C.I.E., to be Metals Controller, with effect from August 20, and that as from Monday, September 1, the licensing of metals will be transferred to the office of the Controller of Trade to that of the Metals Controller, at Holland House, 1st floor.

The Director of Supply, with the consent of the Governor, has delegated all his powers relating to unmanufactured, semi-manufactured, and manufactured metals and alloys to the Metals Controller, but without prejudice to the exercise of his powers by the Director of Supply, as he may think fit.

Thursday

August 28

Husbands' Protest Meeting. Confronted with a no confidence vote at a mass meeting of Hongkong's bachelor-husbands to-day, the Evacuation Representation Committee resigned in a body and was replaced by a new committee.

The Peninsula Hotel Rose Room was crowded for the meeting, which was the outcome of Mr. M. V. Taylor's published announcement of his decision to resign from the post of Acting Honorary Secretary. He announced that decision in a letter to the S. C. M. Post on August 20 in which he made certain allegations against the Committee.

At to-day's meeting he amplified those allegations, which, in the words of the Committee Chairman, Mr. C. E. Terry, carried an accusation of "bad faith" against the Committee and its individual members.

Mr. Terry, who presided, roundly denied Mr. Taylor's several charges and was supported in his denials by Messrs J. F. MacGregor, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. J. Shepherd, supported Mr. Taylor's complaint in respect to the alleged mismanagement of the Committee. It was stated, had not been shown to all the members before it was sent through the Governor.

Mr. R. J. Banks was elected Chairman of the new Committee, with Mr. Taylor as Hon. Secretary. The Committee decided to present a letter to the Governor to-day describing the adverse effects of the evacuation order and urging its immediate rescission.

Another public meeting will be held next Tuesday when the result of the interview with the Governor will be announced. The Committee present were Mr. C. E. Terry (Chairman), Messrs J. F. MacGregor and W. V. Taylor (Acting Hon. Secretary).

The new committee elected comprises Messrs J. Shepherd, N. Nickerson, W. G. McKie, Capt. W. E. Kirby, V. D. Gore and Jervis, with Mr. W. V. Taylor as Hon. Secretary.

War Savings Certificates. It is expected that shortly Hongkong residents will be able to purchase war savings certificates in the Colony. This was indicated officially to-day, when it was revealed that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had approved of the idea of making them available to the Hongkong public.

Legislation is now being drafted to make this effective and it is expected the Bill will be ready for presentation to the Legislative Council within a few weeks.

It is presumed that war savings certificates will be purchasable from Post Offices, banks and other authorised centres.

Schools will probably be encouraged to assist the war effort by buying these certificates, as they are in England. There a weekly contribution of usually sixpence is made by a child and when the required amount has been subscribed, he receives his certificate. These are interest-bearing. Business houses also organise drives in England for the purchase of certificates, and towns hold special "Savings Week."

A report was received from Messrs Lindsay & Davis, supervisors of the unclaimed Hongkong War Effort Raffle, held early in April 1941, giving a list of the unclaimed prizes. These amount to approximately \$8,000 in value, covering 50 items.

The majority of the prizes, which include silverware, wines and spirits, are of local origin. The value of the prizes is approximately \$100 each, watches, jewelry etc., are now in the possession of the Committee, and it was decided at the meeting that as suitable opportunities occur, the prizes will be offered for sale by auction at various public functions, the proceeds to go to the Bomber Fund.

Six firms have sent cheques to the Committee in lieu of the prizes donated, and the sum of \$554 received from these sources is being paid to the Bomber Fund.

Gift to Malta. The following copies of telegrams between His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong and His Excellency the Governor of Malta are published for general information.

From Governor, Hongkong, to Governor, Malta, dated August 25.—A contribution of £1,000 is being made to the Malta Relief Fund through the Crown Agents for the Colonies, London, as a gift from the Government and people of this Colony.

From Governor, Malta, to Governor, Hongkong, dated August 26.—The people of Malta warmly appreciate the gift of £1,000 from the Government of Hongkong. I will be pleased to add my personal thanks.

It will be recalled that this gift was approved by the Legislative Council as a token of appreciation for a sister Colony.

Friday

August 29

Hongkong on my return was the lights," said Lady Northcote, to-day in the District. The death of Mr. Northcote, who had been for 15 months or more in Kowloon Tong, occurred at St. Teresa's Hospital on Friday morning after a long illness.

The late Mr. Tsang was the first resident to settle down in Kowloon Northcote sends a personal message. She has enjoyed her stay here and is grateful for the many kindnesses shown her; she regrets her imminent departure from the Colony, but offers her good wishes for the future of its people.

Born in Kwangtung province 57 years ago, Mr. Tsang had been to the United States where he stayed for seven years. His marriage to Miss Ma King-sun, an artist, took place in 1910. Prior to the opening of the Pioneer Family Store, he was a broker dealing with the sale of cinema films in Canton.

About 10 years ago Mr. Tsang settled down with his family in Kowloon Tong, before it became a residential district. They found the place very attractive and soon other people followed their lead in making their homes in the district. For the convenience of their neighbours, their residence was gradually transformed into a store selling groceries which gradually increased in size and finally emerged as the Pioneer Family Store, because the whole family have shares in the shop.

Mr. Tsang was a member of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Club and had many friends in the district. He leaves a widow, three daughters, Roseline, Angelina and Pauline and a son, Peter, hospital work than he does here.

Fewer Immigrants. Arrivals in the Colony since April have shown a considerable decrease, according to figures obtained from Mr. J. H. Lee, Immigration Officer, yesterday, but whether this is the effect of the immigration restrictions or due to other factors cannot be ascertained as the number of arrivals before the introduction of the Immigration Ordinance was not available.

However, it was learned that since the start of the European war, there has been a tendency for fewer people to come in and more to go out of the Colony at this time of the year.

The following are the weekly figures of arrivals since April: April 22-28, 14,700 (Macao, 11,300, Canton and Kowloon, 3,400); May 2-8, 14,200 (12,600, 1,600); May 9-15, 13,700 (12,600, 1,100); May 16-22, 13,700 (12,600, 1,100); May 23-29, 13,300 (10,600, 2,700); June 1-7, 11,700 (8,600, 3,100); June 8-14, 11,700 (8,600, 3,100); June 15-21, 11,700 (8,600, 3,100); June 22-28, 11,700 (8,600, 3,100); July 1-7, 11,700 (8,600, 3,100); July 8-14, 11,700 (8,600, 3,100); July 15-21, 11,700 (8,600, 3,100); July 22-28, 11,700 (8,600, 3,100); Aug. 4-10, 10,100 (8,200, 1,900); Aug. 11-17, 10,300 (7,800, 2,500).

It will be remembered that about a month ago the deposit system in respect of arrivals from Kowloon, Canton, and Macao was abolished, and this may have been one of the contributory causes to the decrease of arrivals from these ports since that time.

Saturday

August 30

Hollanders Celebrate. The birthday, which fell yesterday, of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, was fervently celebrated by the Netherlands community in Hongkong this evening, when a reception was held in honour of the Queen's birthday at the residence of Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg, acting Consul-General in Hongkong for the Netherlands, at No. 632 The Peak.

No official reception was given by the Consul-General during the day, as customary in peace time, but Netherlands attending the reception on Saturday evening took the opportunity to reaffirm their loyalty to their Queen, and to confirm again the "organic and functional relationship between the House of Orange and the Netherlands, a relationship which

With Acknowledgments. While the cost of living is down a bit, the cost of leaving is suffering from inflation spirals.

And of course the Government can always tell the husbands. You should have thought of all this before you proposed to her.

And when they're at it, why not have a bar sinister across the proposed husbands' badge?

I note from a heading that a climbing party has been surprised at Yuen-nan. Don't they ever tire?

Then there's the lady who looks like she was poured into her dress and forgot to say when.

The Health expert enlarges again on the danger of ventilation. Perhaps for the average Hongkong flat he could invent a porous waterproof window pane.

Because of the freezing, it is reported that there are 9,000,000 tile dollars in Shanghai. Why that in real money must be at least three and fourpence!

Many wild animals charge with their eyes closed. I know a few comrades who do the same.

The many impending divorces in this town are causing the lawyers to go round with dark trousers under their eyes.

"We had a hard road to hoe," said the husbands' chairman, as reported. Better stick to padding your own back.

We need another \$354,000 so that a "Hongkong" bombing unit can be formed. Well, maybe a bargain could be struck with the food hawkers or the Vegetable Guild.

has already been in existence for more than four centuries."

The toast to the Queen was followed by the singing of the Netherlands National Anthem.

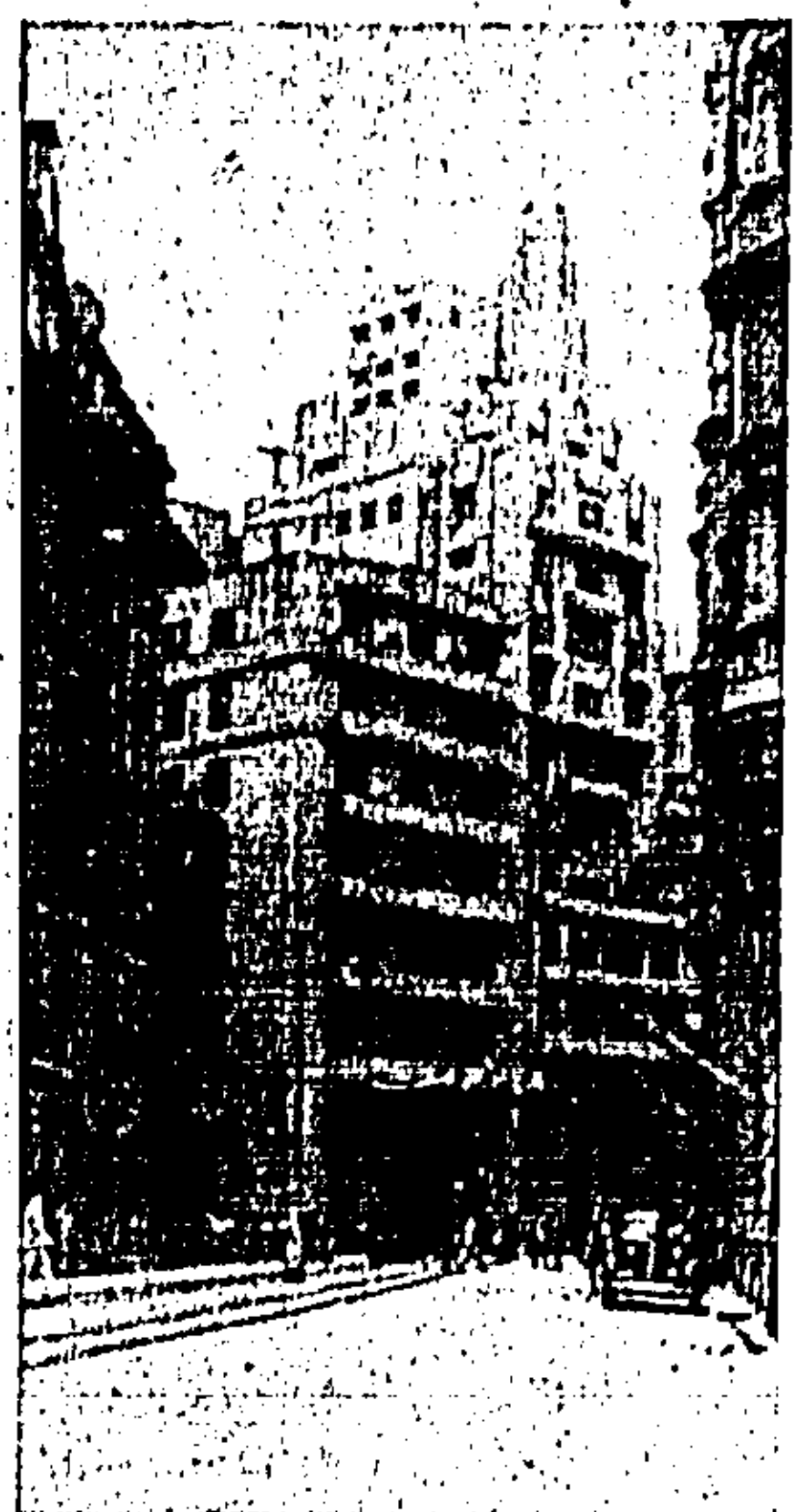
Castle Peak Rd. Explosion. Mr. J. H. Rutledge's bungalow near the seaford at the 12-mile post, Castle Peak Road, was damaged by splinters and water about 12.30 p.m. on Friday, when a mine which had drifted from its mooring was dashed on the rocks and exploded with a terrific concussion.

The bungalow, which is some distance above sea level, was struck by a spout of water about 300 feet high, created by the explosion. Mine splinters and dead fish were scattered over a wide area, while trees and bushes in the vicinity were singed and uprooted, but fortunately there were no casualties.

Although the bungalow is still standing, its foundations are believed to have been affected. Doors and windows were blown in by the force of the explosion, while the furniture in the rooms was saturated. Pieces of metal about three inches in diameter, together with bits of rock, stones, and debris were strewn over the house and grounds, causing considerable damage to the garden and plants.

A curious thing was that all the plaster outside the house, and some inside, became black, due possibly to the chemicals and acid from the mine.

One or two servants working in the bungalow had their hair singed, but except for the shock, received when the concussion shook the premises, they were not hurt.



Sunday

August 24

New Fire Engines. Tests of the American La France fire engines—the most modern and powerful machines of this type in the Far East—were carried out, when they more than lived up to their reputation for speed and performance in road and pumping tests.

The four engines, which arrived in the Colony a few days ago, have 12-cylinder engines with an I.A.C. rating of 70.8 h.p., developing 240 brake h.p. Despite considerable size, the machine is very fast and easy to handle. It is not troubled by any hill in the Colony. Top speed is said to be more than 40 m.p.h.

With its powerful siren clearing a way through the traffic on Saturday, the Central Fire Station to the waterfront near the China Fleet Club, where hoses were connected, and the pumping qualities tested.

Seating accommodation is provided for four other persons besides the driver in the cab of the fire engine, while there is standing room for four or more firemen at the rear. For night driving, the siren works automatically with a flasher warning lamp which is mounted on the bonnet.

Principally these engines are to be used to pump salt water from the Praya up to the higher levels. They are each provided with six inch suction hoses. The self-actuating pump is detachable and can be operated on a fire float. Each machine also carries a 100 gallon tank with emergency hose, so that the fire engine can throw water immediately on reaching the scene.

The tests were carried out under the supervision of Mr. C. Fitz Henry, Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, and Mr. E. F. Brown, mechanical engineer.

It is understood that two of the engines will be stationed at the Central Fire Station, one in Wan-chai, and the other in Kowloon.

Caddies on Strike. Caddies at the Kowloon Golf Club went on strike on Friday, following the dismissal of one of them for allegedly going out of turn in carrying clubs for members.

The trouble arose out of some members of the Club giving caddies "tips" after rounds, a practice, which is strictly against the rules. On Friday, two members, well-known for giving substantial "cushaw" at the end of their play, arrived at the Club and two of the old caddies went out of turn in order to carry for them. This was objected to by some of the newer and younger caddies, who, as the caddies were discharged on the spot, and at their agitation the rest of the caddies went on strike.

It was learned to-day that the strike had been settled and the caddies returning to their duties on Saturday.

Old Site Transformed. Used for the last 30 or more years as a rubbish dump, the site of the old Kowloon Market, the triangular piece of land in the centre of Bonham Strand, close to the old Western Market, is now to be transformed into a public park. Construction work is well under way and the whole structure will be completed in approximately three months.

Inquiries revealed that the site of the fruit stall owners have either sought sites elsewhere or have closed down business entirely.

It was maintained that old customers would hardly be inconvenienced by the disappearance of the stalls as there were others in the Western Market which is close by.

It was pointed out that the demolition of the stalls would go some way in relieving the congestion of traffic proceeding to and from the market.

The fruit market, which has for many years been something of a landmark.

Defence Reserve. The following persons have been allowed to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve:

Mr. O. F. Gilbert, with effect from August 15; Mr. C. R. Wilson, with effect from August 15; Mr. F. Ellis, with effect from August 20.

Mr. B. D. Evans and Mr. T. L. Bell have been re-assigned from the Bombardier Group to the Key-Park Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

District Officer North. Mr. John Barrow, District Officer, North, Hongkong, is appointed Commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations, affirmations and attestations of honour in connection with the acceptance of property on death within the Northern District of the New Territories so long as he shall continue to act as District Officer North.

General House. The movement under Government House has slowed down very considerably, repairs have been completed and the house is now entirely habitable. The movement was caused by the construction of air raid tunnels under the grounds and House.

Regular and frequent inspections are being carried out in case of movements likely to cause further damage.

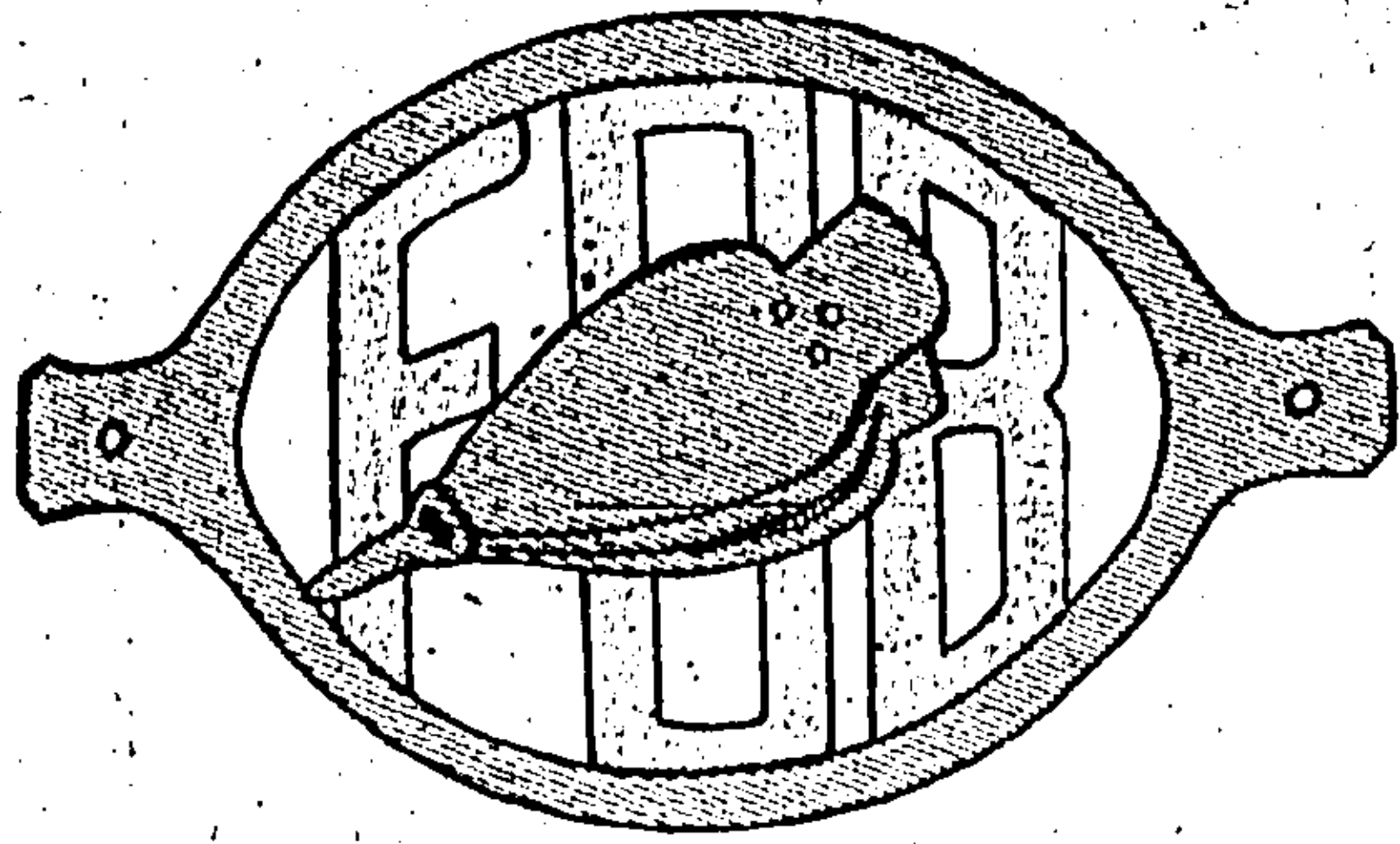
Bomber Fund's \$2,500,000. Shortly before noon on Saturday, the Bomber Fund reached the \$2,500,000 mark, thanks to a number of splendid donations, which amounted to \$7,001.70, received during the short space of two and a half days.

The Fellowship of the Bellows gave the Fund its biggest push by sending in its eighth donation of \$3,000. Sir Atholl and Lady Macgregor forwarded a third donation of \$1,000. Mr. and Mrs. Petro's second donation of \$200, while the monthly contribution from the Chinese Staff of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., amounting to \$500, was received.

At noon the Fund reached the total of \$2,500,000.



Hongkong's disgruntled "grasswidows" held another public meeting on August 28 when the old committee received a vote of non-confidence and a new committee was formed. These pictures taken at the meeting show (top) Mr. O. E. Terry, the chairman, making his speech, and below part of the big assembly who heard some outspoken speeches.



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Thais Will Fight To Defend Their Soil

"The story of Thailand to-day is the story of a nation waiting to be invaded," declared Mr Frank Gervasi, associate editor of the American magazine "Colliers," when he arrived in Singapore after spending ten days in Bangkok.

"I am personally convinced that the Thai are going to fight," he said. "They have their eyes open for what is happening."

"They believe that if they fight they will be saving face, honour and dignity as men who are confident that the Axis is going to lose and that they will get a decent break after peace."

"The Thai will tell you," he continued, "that they would rather die on their feet than live on their knees."

Pro-British

The people in Thailand, he said, were making very serious preparations to prepare themselves. "They are preponderantly pro-British," he added.

"Japan would be in for a bad time if she involved herself in a conflict with Britain and the U.S.A."

Speaking of Russo-Japanese tension, Mr Gervasi said, "I think you can certainly expect an attack on Russia by Japan if the Germans continue to successfully against the Soviet."

Accredited correspondent to the British Forces in the Middle East for three months this year—May, June and July—Mr Gervasi spoke highly of the British soldier.

British Soldier

"The British Tommy in the best soldier in the world to-day," he said. "I have seen him fight. He is fearless and even under long suffering never complains. He is truly a great man."

The danger in the Middle East, he went on, had now passed. There was plenty of American material and ammunition there to augment British supplies.

He was of the opinion that Britain

U. S. Buying 500 British Cinemas

Britain's largest combine of cinema, Associated British Picture Corporation (the familiar A.B.C. halls which number over 500), may come under United States control soon.

According to the "Kinematograph Weekly," negotiations are nearly completed whereby Warner Brothers Pictures, Ltd., will buy the £4,500,000 held in shares by the widow of Mr John Maxwell, the Glasgow solicitor who became Britain's leading film magnate.

If this deal comes off it will be a big step towards American control of British halls—a state of things which the Government has in the past been anxious to avoid.

The Warner company which is bidding is a British one, but represents the United States parent combine.

Like all other American film firms it has large "frozen assets" in Britain because of Treasury limitation of export revenue.

It would be starting an offensive in the Middle East "very soon."

"I think that Britain, aided by America, has gone over from the defensive to the offensive mentality. I am very optimistic about the future," he said.

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SOLUTION LIES WITH JAPAN

THE cautious tone adopted officially both in Washington and Tokyo regarding the possible outcome of the exchange of notes between Prince Konoye and President Roosevelt relevant to the existing Pacific crisis is understandable and sensible. Much depends on how much new ground Tokyo is prepared to break; if Prince Konoye's message to President Roosevelt goes no further than the time-honoured Japanese plea for "better understanding," which means nothing more than that the United States permit Japan to go ahead with her programme of aggression and expansion without let or hindrance, then little, if anything, can be expected from the latest negotiations.

It has been emphatically and clearly explained to Japan that the solution to the Pacific crisis lies very largely in her hands; its essential prerequisite is a willingness on the part of the Japanese Government to make concessions, the principal one of which is the renunciation of her policy of self-aggrandisement and acquisition of territory by force. It is doubtful, however, whether this in itself would be regarded by the democracies as sufficient. The political situation in the Far East created by Japan is so obnoxious to America and Britain that it cannot be indefinitely tolerated. That is, perhaps, a point of view which Japan has not sufficiently taken into account.

Considerable emphasis has been placed on the concern which Britain and America feel regarding threats to Malaya, the N.E.I., and the Philippines, but just as much concern is felt about the position of China as it is to-day, and manifestly, and rightly, aid from those two nations to China is going to be consistently increased. Japanese politicians who have always insisted upon the need for "realism" should take a leaf out of their own book in this respect. The situation is acute because it is obvious that if there is to be any improvement, Japan has got to modify her policy very considerably. Britain and the United States through Mr Churchill and President Roosevelt have categorically declared that they intend to stand for no further nonsense on the part of Tokyo. Britain's military preparedness both in Malaya and Hongkong supports that warning.

It will be the general and fervent hope of all sane people throughout the Orient that the latest efforts to avert the explosion so gravely threatening will meet with success; but Japan must not expect this to be accomplished at the expense of China; there is going to be no selling out of Chungking by either America or Britain. From now on the rotations and the sacrifices must come from Japan, and if these are not forthcoming, then Japan must accept the consequences, serious as they will be to all involved.



General Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister, and Commander-in-Chief.

POLAND'S HEROIC CHOICE

By Jan Bolinski-Jundzill

Deputy-Director of the Polish
Research Centre

Poland made her choice when she accepted and reciprocated the British guarantee of April 6, 1939. It is not sufficiently realised in many countries that Poland had that choice in the Spring before the War.

Two paths lay before her. The first was to yield to German persuasion, make concessions with regard to Danzig and the Polish Corridor, and join the Axis. Poland, as a vassal state of Germany would then have taken part in a German campaign against Russia. The other alternative was to resist the German demands and espouse the cause of international order and freedom.

She chose the path of honour and was actually the first country to resist the mighty German war machine.

Hopeless Odds

The military campaign of 1939 was fought with desperate courage by the entire Polish people. The siege of Warsaw will for all time serve as an example of their indomitable spirit.

In the second week of the siege it was entirely clear that the situation was hopeless and there was no possibility of repelling the invader. Nevertheless,

less the defenders of Warsaw fully realised that every day they fought on was causing the enemy heavy losses.

They preferred to sacrifice their material possessions, their city, their homes, their lives—in order to continue resistance as long as humanly possible.

The Germans had 75 divisions of infantry, 15 mechanised divisions and 5,000 aeroplanes in action. The Poles opposed this might with 25 divisions, one mechanised division and about 370 planes.

This was the unequal struggle Poland fought for a whole month. She would have held out longer had it not been for the Russian attitude. The German losses were very heavy and it is claimed by Polish authorities that the Nazis paid for their Polish victory with 150,000 dead, 200,000 wounded, about 700 tanks and 500 aeroplanes.

Vital Contribution

During the last war, when the German onslaught on Paris endangered the situation in the West, the armies of the Tsar helped by attacking West Prussia and thus contributed indirectly to the victory of the Marne. So in 1939, a short but bloody campaign in Poland secured to the Western Powers a period of respite and gave them the opportunity of affecting mobilisation and making further preparation for war.

To-day, with the vivid illustrations of German tactics in the battles of France and Greece before us, Poles are in-

Hitler embarked on his mad march on September 1, 1939. A special edition issued by the "Telegraph" late that evening told Hongkong the news. This is the message that heralded the start of war:

Acting less than four hours after he issued his Proclamation to the German Army, Herr Hitler this morning ordered General Goering, Chief of the German Air Force, to send the Reich warplanes over the Polish capital.

An urgent "United Press" message, despatched from Warsaw at 9 o'clock this morning (4 o'clock this afternoon, Hongkong Time) stated that German planes had bombed the capital.

No further details are to hand.

It is not known how many planes appeared over Warsaw, or what was the extent of the damage.

The incident, however, appears to confirm the contention that Hitler's Proclamation to the German Army was, in fact, a Declaration of War on Poland.

While this is going on in Poland thousands of Poles are now in Britain under the leadership of the Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief, General Sikorski.

Burning to avenge their country, keen to serve in the Allied cause, they braved great dangers, crossing frontiers and mountain ranges, passing through many countries till they reached France, where a new Polish army and air force were formed.

Destroyers and submarines of the Polish Navy escaped from the Baltic and reached British ports to co-operate with the British Navy. Many of their exploits, particularly those of the Polish submarine Orzel, are well known.

After the French collapse, inspired by the same spirit of determination, the Polish Government and the Polish Army arrived in Britain. Since then they have continued to play their part in the war. I need not stress the part played by the Polish army in the battle of Britain when about 10 percent of the planes brought down in the autumn were the victims of Polish fighters.

Polish forces also played their part at Narvik in May and June 1940 and are now fighting in the Middle East which they reached through Syria and Palestine.

The century-old Polish National Anthem begins with the words: "Poland's soul is not departed, while we live to own her." Poland's soul lives on and no persecution can destroy it.

Poland's part in the struggle to-day can be summed up in a few words. In Poland, stubborn resistance remains unimpaired by this ruthless oppression. Elsewhere, an equally stubborn fight by the side of brave Allies.

Poland Fights On

From the secret press appearing in Poland and from reports emanating from other sources, it is clear that the Polish spirit of resistance remains unimpaired by this ruthless oppression. Polish faith in a final victory is unshaken.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Nothing to Lose, Everything to Gain

THE "percentage" favouring one diamond and finesse to the queen, I play over another may be in- or lead the jack, and if it is not finisimal, yet it is just such choices covered, let it ride?

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N E S
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K 853

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1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
Pass Pass

The bidding was identical at seven tables in a recent duplicate and in every case West opened the fourth best spade. Some declarers went up with dummy's queen, others led the lead-ride to the A-10. But, since East had both the king and jack, this was immaterial—South lost his only spade stopper immediately. With the suit wide open it was apparent that the only hope of fulfilling the contract depended on running the diamond suit without losing the lead. No other consideration was involved.

The K-10-4 of diamonds were outstanding. As we know, with only ten of a suit, missing the king, the proper play is to finesse, not to play for a drop. Hence, if the diamond king is in West's hand, whether guarded or unguarded, it will make, since there is no reason to violate this rule of play. Thus, we must finesse, but in precisely what manner? Entering dummy with a club, should we lead a low

If we play properly, however, and lead dummy's jack, it is East who is doomed. If he covers, our ace wins and, since West shows out, another finesse "is" established against the ten-spot. If East ducks, the jack holds. Thus, since there is nothing to lose in any case by leading the jack, and something to gain in one case, this selection becomes the "percentage" play.

I regret to report that, of the seven declarers, only two led the jack instead of a low diamond through East and, hence, only two fulfilled their contracts.

To-morrow's Hand
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ AK4
K J 10 8
Q J 10 8 3
♣ 32
♦ 10 9 6 5 3 2
N W E S
N E S
K J 9 K Q 4 2 K 10 4
K 853

♠ AK4
K J 10 8
Q J 10 8 3
♣ 32
♦ 10 9 6 5 3 2
N W E S
N E S
K J 9 K Q 4 2 K 10 4
K 853

How should this hand be played?

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"—so it's settled, that at the approach of enemy aircraft, we all meet here for lunch!"

Britain's Power After Two Years Of Bitter Struggle

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—In the following article specially written on the second anniversary of the war, "Reuter's" Military Commentator reviews the development of Britain's military strength during the past two years:

When Britain took up the challenge of the Nazis, who set forth on the march to dominate the world two years ago, her military position was extremely weak. Her strength has enormously increased since then though it has still some way to go before reaching full power.

When Hitler started the war by his unprovoked invasion of Poland, the British Army was weak in numbers and equally deficient in the equipment necessary for war. All the territorial units lacked training.

Vital garrisons on our communications all over the world equally were on an insufficient scale. We had some difficulty in equipping even a token force to go to France and this was submerged by the flood which temporarily destroyed France in May and June last year.

Owing to the heroic efforts of our Navy and Air Force, we rescued most of our men but lost the whole of their equipment. Norway and Greece further depleted our resources.

We extricated ourselves from this extremely critical situation, however, by the splendid fighting of our Air Force and the bold and resolute face with which the people of Britain met dangers under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Winston Churchill and also by the whole-hearted manner in which the people responded to the call to arms by creating the Home Guard.

Different Picture

How very different is the picture to-day of Britain's growing military might. The Army itself has been expanded till we have at least three million men under arms and these are now well-organised and commanded from generals to corporals. Our losses have been made good, we are powerfully armed with anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank weapons and field artillery which protect our towns, factories and our many widely-flung naval and air bases, stretching, as they do, from Iceland down to the west and east coasts of Africa, along the southern shores of Asia as far as Singapore and Hongkong into the Pacific Ocean.

Though time as a whole has not yet stepped on the stage to play a great decisive part in the offensive strokes which it will have to do to complete our victory, it is collecting and massing in two directions which are dictated by our reserves, namely these islands and the Middle East.

Far East Reserves

The necessity of stopping Japanese aggression is causing us to collect a third reserve in the Pacific. The Army is getting ready to strike anywhere when the moment arrives.

But though our military forces have so far only been employed in small bodies, they have gained some glorious victories and have won successes which cannot be surpassed by any army. Thus our first campaign in Libya, the Abyssinian campaign and the conquest of Syria were all carried out brilliantly against an army numerically far superior and equally well, if not better, equipped. To-day our forces are reaching a high standard of motorisation all over the world and tanks are arriving in good and increasing numbers.

In Britain itself, the Home Guard, composed of civilians, are engaged in every kind of work and have reached a stage in training and equipment at which they must be seriously reckoned with in case of any attempt at invasion.

OPPOSITION TO NAZIS GROWS Partisan Warfare

MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—How greatly the opposition to Nazi rule in occupied countries has increased was stressed by M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, in a statement to foreign correspondents to-day.

This opposition is finding expression in partisan warfare, acts of sabotage and attacks on German agents, German officers and soldiers. M. Lozovsky declared that ten weeks ago, the shots fired at Laval strikes in Poland had previously been impossible, but now there had been one at the important Polish railway junction of Kiznov and a serious railway accident at Krupkov.

Ten weeks of heroic resistance by the Red Army against nine-months of the entire German armed forces and the enormous losses inflicted on Germany had raised the spirits of the down-trodden occupied countries.

Bowden Transferred To Singapore

SYDNEY, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—The Australian Trade Commissioner to China, Mr. V. G. Bowden, has been appointed official Australian representative in Singapore with authority in political, commercial and administrative matters.

He will be assisted by a commercial secretary and a political officer. The United Kingdom Government have welcomed the move.

Hollanders Celebrate Birthday Of Queen Wilhelmina

A very pleasant reception was held on Saturday night at the residence of the Acting Consul-General for the Netherlands, Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg No. 532 The Peak, in honour of the 61st birthday yesterday, of Her Majesty, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

There were about 70 persons present, mostly members of the local Dutch community, and some Chinese. Welcoming the guests, Mr. Middelburg said that when they looked back on the last birthday of Her Majesty, which was celebrated in the same room, they could say without being over-optimistic that the future for their country looked better than ever.

"Our allies are undefeated and the spirit of resistance in the Netherlands is growing," he said. "It seems that the chances of war are already about to turn. On this day, our thoughts go to our beloved Queen, who at the head of her Government in hospitable England, works at the liberation of the Realm in Europe. We wish her good health and longevity. May she soon return to her country, liberated from foreign oppression."

A toast to Her Majesty was drunk to the strains of the Netherlands National Anthem, after which Mr. J. H. van der Laan, President of the Committee of the Netherlands Day of Freedom in Hongkong addressed the gathering, which later listened to the London relay of the celebrations in England.

Yesterday Mr. Middelburg gave a short talk over ZBW to mark the occasion.

Tobruk Defenders' Bayonet Charge

CAIRO, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—In the Tobruk area one of our patrols of tanks and armoured cars met and bayoneted an enemy post with bayonets. During the day there was a fair amount of enemy shell fire.

There was one enemy air raid but this caused no damage.

In the frontier area there was some exchange of artillery fire.

PROBABLE PEACE TERMS FOR IRAN

Transit Facilities Sought

SIMLA, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Provision that the Iranian Government should facilitate the transit of supplies and war material through Iran to Russia will, according to well-informed circles here, form part of the basis of the terms which will probably be offered to the Iranian Government shortly.

In return, it is probable that the Allied Governments will undertake to continue payments of all oil royalties, facilitate the supply of economic necessities such as food and piece-goods to Iran and, as soon as the military situation permits, will withdraw their forces from Iranian territory.

Other terms are likely to be that the policy of Britain and Russia is that they have no designs against the independence of Iran; the territorial integrity will be re-affirmed and there will also be re-affirmation that the measures to be taken are not directed against Iran herself but only against the menace arising from the political activities of Germans established in key positions throughout the country.

German Community

It will probably be pointed out that if the Iranian Government are now prepared to co-operate there is no reason why any hostilities should continue.

Probably the Iranian troops will have to withdraw from certain areas in northern and southwestern Iran which will temporarily be occupied by Soviet and British forces respectively.

The German community, with the possible exception of a small number of members of technicians, will have to leave Iran, probably within one week. Thereafter, no Germans will be admitted into the country.

Premier's Statement

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—A statement that "by to-morrow the situation will be satisfactorily cleared up" and a warning against rumours were given by the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, at a session of the Iranian Government this morning, according to the Tehran Radio.

After stating that our discussions and actions have reached a clearer stage and would soon reach a satisfactory conclusion, Mr. Churchill added that "many untrue and forged pieces of news are current and it is even said that groups of people are leaving the capital. I want to assure Parliament that there is no danger to Tehran, or the Government and all these rumours are unfounded."

He said that there was a plentiful supply of bread and meat "though of course if each person buys ten pounds of bread instead of one, the Government will be faced with some difficulties."

KONOYE'S MESSAGE

Adjustment Wanted Without Policy Change

TOKYO, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Prince Kono's message to President Roosevelt is given prominence in the Japanese press as the opening of diplomatic negotiations for settling the outstanding questions between Japan and the United States.

The "Chugai Shogo" declares that it is clear that the United States does not want a war in the Pacific as already emphasised by various American leaders. The newspaper expresses the belief that as Prince Kono's message was personally addressed to President Roosevelt, Japanese and American relations are being thoroughly studied and the United States Government are giving careful study to the view that the present tendency of the European war is becoming rapidly a world war.

Continuity

The "Yomiuri Shimbun" declares that Japan's policy in the Pacific is based on the principle that Japan and the United States should not come to blows. Prince Kono's message was intended to remove misunderstanding between Japan and the United States. Emphasis, however, is laid on the continuity of the Japanese policy.

The "Hochi Shimbun" declares that this policy remains "immutable" while the "Chugai Shogo" asserts that adjustment of outstanding questions between the two countries is only possible when the establishment of greater East Asian prosperity is recognised.

Troop Train In Anhwei Wrecked

LIHUANG, Aug. 31 (Central News).—Over 200 Japanese troops were killed and wounded as the result of a train accident on the Hwai-Nan Railway in northern Anhwei last week when a Japanese troop train was derailed near the Shantung-chih Station after striking Chinese land mines.

The locomotive was overturned and completely wrecked, while four coaches were thrown off the tracks and badly damaged. Material losses sustained by the Japanese were estimated to total over \$500,000. Traffic on the railway was interrupted for three days as a result of the incident.

Indian Troops Enter Ahwaz

Armistice In Time

Aug. 31.—When Indian troops marched into southern Iranian town of Ahwaz immediately following Iran's decision to cease fire, Iranian soldiers stood stiffly at the salute while the population ran alongside cheering and clapping and waving.

When Iranian resistance ceased, the Indians were eight miles from the town. R.A.F. planes dropped constantly overhead supporting their advance. Suddenly a high-powered car bearing a white flag drove swiftly up from the direction of Ahwaz and from it stepped a high Iranian officer in full war-kit.

After saluting, he asked in perfect English to see the British Commanding Officer. "I have orders direct from the Shah to ask for an Armistice," he told the British Commander. "Our troops have already received the order to cease fire."

Military Salutes

While the Indian troops remained vigilant standing in firing positions, the British Commander with his Chief of Staff drove into Ahwaz, where they were received with salute of rolling drums and a Guard of Honour.

The Iranian General Mohamed Shahbakhli, then formally surrendered his forces.

Pending a settlement of the Armistice terms, it was decided on the spot that (1) the Indians should enter the town, remaining on one bank of the River Karun, while Iranian troops returned to their barracks; (2) That British hostages, mostly oil-men, should be released immediately and (3) That Iranian prisoners should be returned.

Shortly after noon, the Indian forces entered the town. Line upon line of armoured fighting vehicles, lorries and trucks packed with infantry and motor cyclists crossed the bridge over Karun into the town.

Soviet Advance

MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Zerian, which Soviet troops have now reached, is in the north-west of Iran on the main road to Tehran about half-way between Tabriz and the capital.

Resh is about 20 miles southeast of the Caspian port of Pahlevi, which has been entered and which is the starting point of the motor road leading to Tehran.

For a large part of the way this road is a series of narrow, bends round precipitous hillsides and long stretches have simply been blasted out of rock. An over-enthusiastic driver could easily send his car hurtling off the thousand-foot drops. Shahrud is the third point of the Caspian port of Bandar Shah.

German Agents

Reports from Tabriz show that conversations with the population in a number of villages in northern Iran, revealed that German agents had been feverishly busy in those regions, especially since the outbreak of fighting on the eastern front. The agents told the villagers that the Germans had already occupied a number of points in Trans-Caucasia and also did everything possible to work up feeling against the Soviet Union.

Arms Imported

Port officials informed Soviet troops that German agents had established a number of espionage nests and, using the trade-marks of a commercial firm, had brought in many arms and explosives. The German agents openly sought confidential information and showed the greatest interest in the strength of the Soviet Caspian fleet.

The reports add that many interviewed Iranians state that "none of us doubt that the Soviet Union, which does not break its engagements, will on this occasion fulfil its pledge to withdraw its troops from Iran when the danger arising from German activity is passed."



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Unreliable Japanese Reports on Thailand

("Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

BANGKOK, Aug. 31.—The frequency with which the Thai Government have lately felt obliged to issue official denials of rumours has aroused widespread comment in political quarters.

An analysis shows that in the last few weeks no less than 16 press reports from Japanese sources have been either flatly denied in communiques or by the authoritative spokesman while only one report from non-Japanese sources drew an official contradiction.

"Absolutely devoid of truth" is the Thai Government communique, dismissed the latest Japanese allegation that British and American Ministers in Bangkok have threatened economic pressure against Thailand unless she ceased trade relations with Japan. The communique mildly rebukes another Japanese daily for the suggestion that after Iran, Thailand will be the next victim of Anglo-American aggression.

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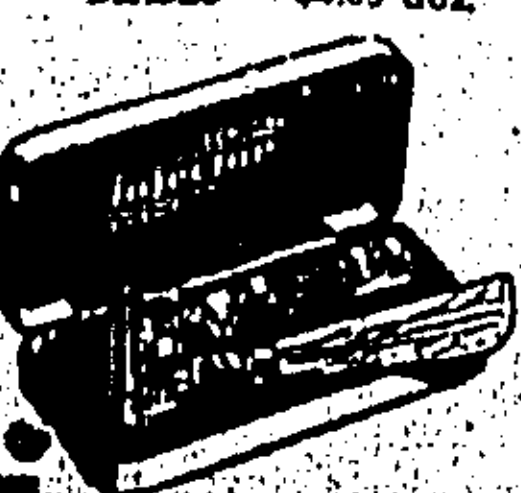
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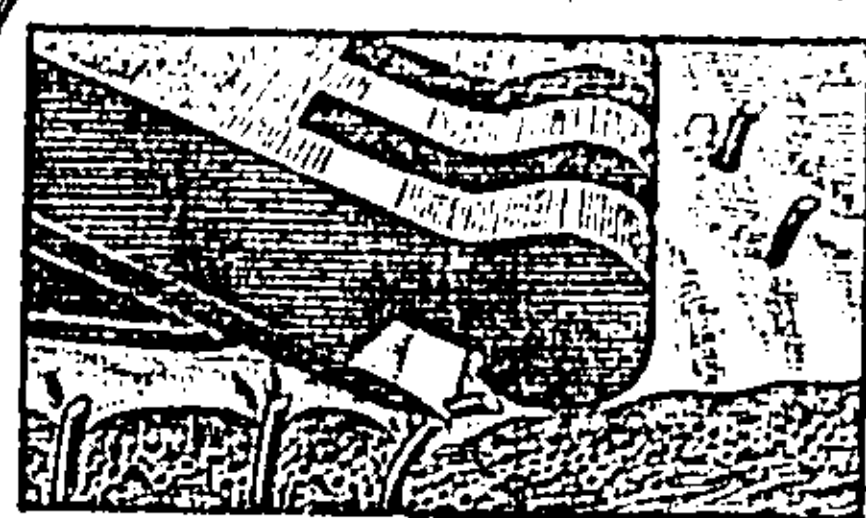


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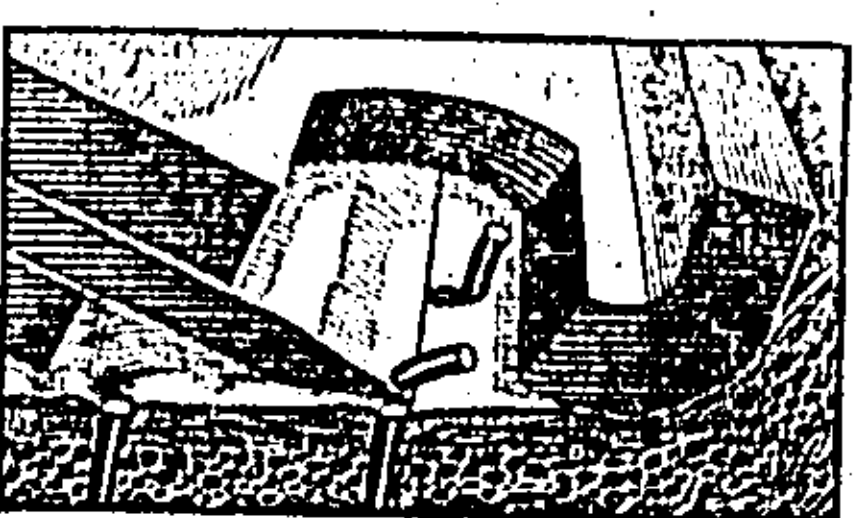
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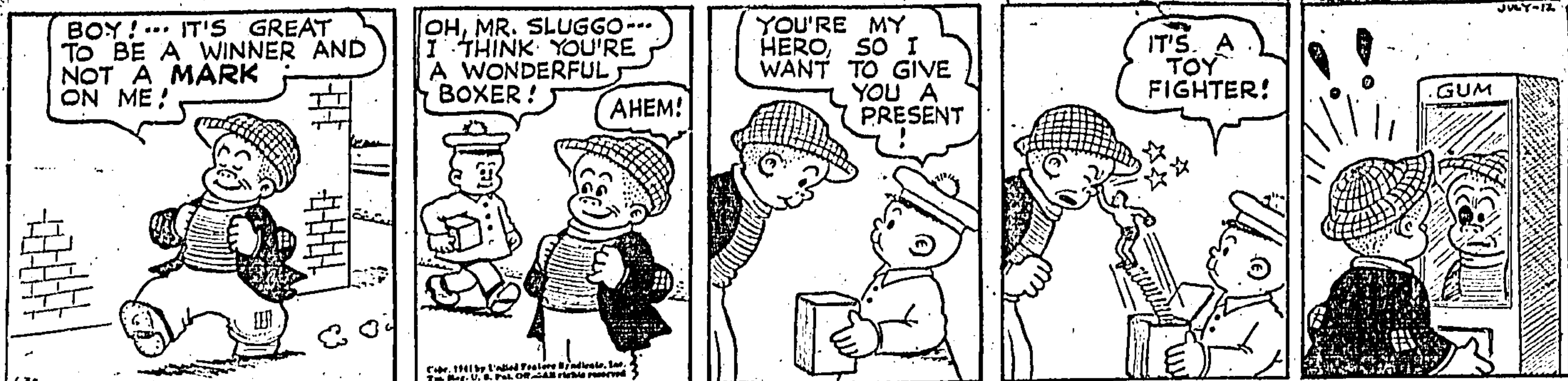
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

U. S. Communists All-Out For British Middle Classes

The National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States after an all-day meeting "somewhere in New York City," recently changed the party line again to make it fit rapidly changing international affairs.

Of special interest in the committee's publicity release were two startling declarations of new policy: "Defend America by giving full aid to the Soviet Union, Great Britain and all nations who fight against Hitler!"

"Preserve and extend the economic standards and democratic liberties of the American people, the workers, farmers, and middle classes! Stop monopoly war profiteering!"

Heretofore—that is, since the Berlin-Roscoe non-aggression pact—American Communists had opposed aid to Britain and hadn't bothered much about the welfare of the American "middle classes."

Party spokesmen said that 145 delegates attended the policy conference, representing every state, voting unanimously for the new party line. However, the place of the party meeting was kept secret.

Hitler The Enemy

Sticking to the Communist argument that the war was brought on by capitalist statesmen of the imperialist powers, the committee's statement agreed that Hitler's plan was to "enslave the peoples of the world."

"There can be no peace for the peoples of the world without the complete destruction of Hitler and Hitlerism," the statement said. "Hitler, Fascism stands exposed, as the greatest and main enemy of the peoples of the world."

The new party line identifies "the greatest menace to the American people" as "the Hoovers, Lindberghs, Wheelers and Norman Thomases, the Coughlins and Hearts—the spokesmen of the most reactionary circles of the bourgeoisie."

\$200,000,000 Deal To Buy City Of London

The City Corporation may pay £200,000,000 to secure municipal ownership of the City of London. If the deal goes through, the City of London will be the first city in Britain to pass into public ownership.

Like all other municipalities, the City Corporation is vying to rebuild plans from every aspect.

The rateable value of "the square mile" is about £8,300,000. This means a capital site value of something like £220,000,000.

So complicated and involved are the vested interests concerned in City ownership that the Corporation may vote for outright purchase to complete its scheme for a new London.

Opportunity Missed

Once before—after the Great Fire in 1666—the City Corporation missed its opportunity.

Sir Christopher Wren drew up plans for a beautiful city with broad, straight streets.

But Wren's plan was pushed on one side because of the City's rush to rebuild, and because of the insistence on the maintenance of their rights by owners of the land.

"That is why the City is still intersected with narrow twisting alleyways. It is to be hoped that the Corporation will not be side-tracked this time."

Equally it is to be hoped that the deal will not put extortionate millions into the pockets of ground-landlords.

Ford Optimistic Of Future

Henry Ford, celebrating his 78th birthday recently, is reported to have said that he believes that after the war there will come an era "filled with opportunity for everybody who can refrain from looking backward and who will go forward."

He has no fear of depression after the defence programme is concluded if competition remains active.

Monthly Bomber Donations

Saturday morning's collections for the Bomber Fund included a number of monthly donations. Many of these donors have now been giving regularly each month for over a year. The Fund reached a total of \$2,508,402.78, the following being the latest list of donations:

Mr. R. A. Swear Box	\$ 7.50
Mr. H. W. Fraser (Auxiliary Fire Service)	10.50
In loving memory of "Grannie"	10
Mr. E. H. Jones	10
Woods (D. & N.)	10
Victory V's per Miss Naylor	50
(second donation)	50
Victory City "Lap" Sap" (fifth donation)	32.28
In loving memory of Mr. Mother	10
Leisure Winfield	10
In memory of our beloved Mother—Aileen and Doris Woods	10
Mr. A. K. Dimond (in loving memory of Maude Fitz-Stubbins Woods who passed away on Sept. 1, 1940)	30
Supreme Court Bomi (seventeenth donation)	50
Mr. Hogg	15.50
Mr. S. S. Chicken Feed (weekly)	15.50
The following monthly donations to the Bomber Fund were also received on Saturday:	
Mr. O. E. Berlin	\$300
Mr. Stuart Longfield	100
Mr. B. J. Jones	10
Mr. Kong I. Sun J.P.	10
Mr. E. J. Grant	10
Mr. W. Hewitt	10
Mr. W. B. Eversham	10
Mr. S. M. Swift	23
Mrs. Annie Sharp	10
Mrs. Helen & Doris Woods	10
W. H. A. C.	40

ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRES
The following is a list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the Orthopaedic Centre in Free China: Hong Kong and South China branch, for Orthopaedic Centre in Free China: \$100,706.76; Kowloon Tong Garden City Association (being half proceeds of raffle at Club of St. Paul's): \$300; Mr. Kwok Lam-po: \$300; Mr. Kwong Tze-ming: \$100; Dr. T. T. Hui: \$200; Mr. W. H. A. C.: \$147.52. Total \$107,000.28.

EMERGENCY REFUGEE COUNCIL
The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Emergency Refugee Council:
Sympathisers (114th Contribution) \$10.
The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council acknowledges the following donations received during August:
Students of Lingnan University for taking over of relief work: \$27.44; Kwong Sang Hong: \$500; Mrs. B. J. Hutcheon: \$200; O. C. Y. & J. H. Post: \$5; Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Conner: \$5; Sympathisers c/o S. C. M. Post (four weekly donations): \$40; Mr. H. A. C.: \$25; Mr. Y. H. Post: \$25; Mr. W. H. Post: \$25; Foreign Auxiliary (contribution towards office salary): \$120; Mr. W. H. A. C.: \$2.
Donations in kind during the month of August:
Fifty "Bowl of Rice" tickets, Mr. Leong Fui; 400 pieces of firewood, Sandakan Chamber of Commerce; freightage on firewood from Sandakan, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.; 40 "Bowl of Rice" tickets, Mrs. Rose Tan; 500 pieces of firewood, Union Fire-wood, Sandakan; 500 pieces of firewood, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.; one "Bowl of Rice" ticket, A. Friend.

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the British Prisoners of War Fund "in memory of our beloved Mother," from Aileen and Doris Woods: \$5.

SOUP KITCHENS
The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Soup Kitchens Appeal Fund "in memory of our beloved Mother," from Aileen and Doris Woods: \$5.

REFUGEES' CAMP SCHOOL
The Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a generous gift of \$250 from an anonymous donor, who has kindly undertaken to give the initial equipment of a new kindergarten for one year, an additional kindergarten class for 50 children in the Morrison Hill Camp School.

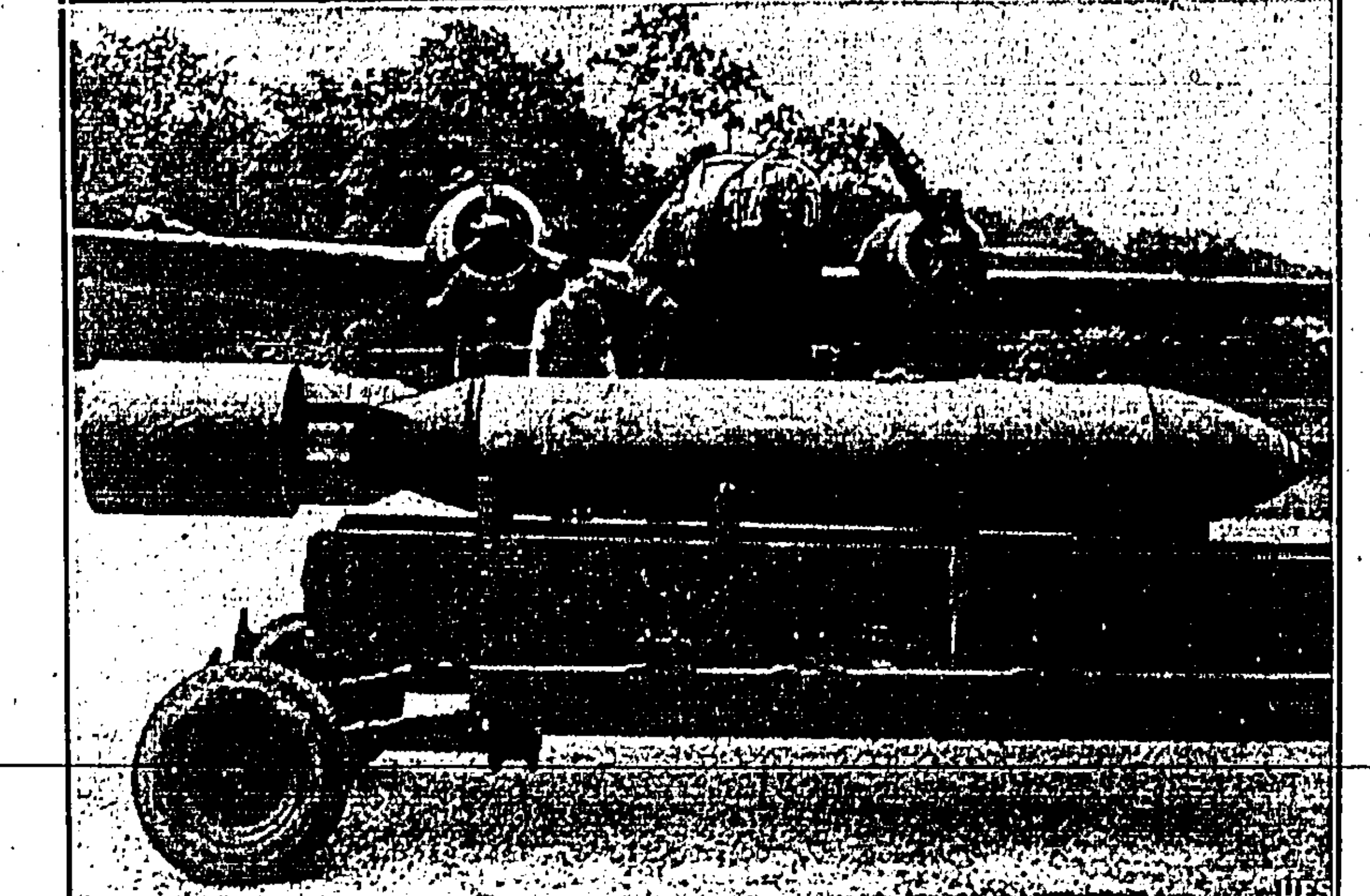
The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in memory of "Big Boy," from Aileen and Doris Woods: \$5.

DONATIONS WAITING
Donations for the following Organizations await collection at the office of the S. C. M. Post: Lord Mayor's Fund for the Relief of Air Victims; B.W.O.F.; Emergency Refugee Council; British Prisoners of War Relief Fund; Food Kitchens Fund; St. Vincent de Paul; S.P.C.A.

Noted Editor To Retire

Mr. Geoffrey Dawson plans to retire as editor of "The Times" of London this month. He is to be succeeded by Barrington Ward, Assistant Editor since October, 1927.

Mr. Dawson was editor of "The Times" from 1912 to 1919, leaving after a quarrel with Lord Northcliffe over policy. He returned as editor shortly after Lord Northcliffe's passing in 1922.



SOMETHING FOR ADOLF—One of the most destructive implements of war is this British 2,000-pound bomb, especially designed to pierce the heaviest armour. It is shown just before it was placed in the bomb rack of the plane in the background, for use against Germans.

Credit Freezing Makes Economic Situation Of S'hai More Acute

By ROBERT P. MARTIN
SHANGHAI, Aug. 12 (UP).—Four years of war have placed Shanghai in an abnormal economic situation, which the freezing of Chinese and Japanese credits and continuance of the war apparently will make increasingly acute.

Trade between Shanghai and the hinterland is more difficult than trade between many foreign countries because military demarcation lines form a formidable barrier. Japanese import commodity controls in the past year, combined with the increased circulation of military yen and new Nanking dollars, have further dislocated the economic structure.

There are millions of idle dollars in Shanghai, but investors are extremely reluctant although in Japanese-occupied areas outside foreign concessions and in the Nanking-administered Greater Shanghai municipality there are hundreds of factories still in ruins which could be repaired and operated.

The war cut a new line of demarcation right through the International Settlement. The industrially important eastern district of the settlement is now Japanese-occupied and foreigners' rights there are curtailed.

Hongkong and Yangtzepoo, have International Settlement police and they pay taxes to the Shanghai municipality, but in most respects they are Japanese-controlled areas. In the eastern district of the settlement, the Japanese control and manage a number of expropriated private Chinese industries and continue to run their own public utility enterprises in spite of franchises possessed by foreign companies.

Health Declines
As a result of the above-mentioned restrictions, the settlement and the French concession are now in an artificially isolated position, although foreigners there have enjoyed greater security of life and property than elsewhere. However, there is an enormous congestion in population, resulting in the decline of public health, increase in criminality and mushroom growth of new small-scale industries.

The greatest effect of war on Shanghai was the change in the direction of Shanghai's trade. Shanghai has now become virtually completely dependent on commercial intercourse with foreign countries, whereas previously it had depended on a continuous and ample supply from the interior of cheap food, cotton and other raw materials, including coal. War devastation, curtailed production, and Japanese diversion have dried up this source.

Shanghai in the past two years was forced to import from abroad all its rice, most of its cotton, and half of its coal supplies, and in the same period it exported enormous quantities of industrial products to the interior. Numerous corporations earned the biggest profits in their history, some on foreign currency basis. This arose from currency depreciation, which cheapened Shanghai labour so enormously that local industrial products could compete almost anywhere. Thus, the masses found their living standard lowered while a few made profits.

New Difficulties
With Japanese expansionism and Anglo-American freezing threatening

to put new obstacles in the path of business intercourse, Shanghai is facing new and tremendous difficulties, with the spectre of possible Japanese occupation of the city always in the background.

The Japanese have not occupied Shanghai because they had no desire to antagonize third powers. Another reason was that Shanghai provided a convenient trade outlet and a theatre for "squeeze" and currency manipulations. If Anglo-American freezing orders eliminate these advantages, the Japanese may move in unless they are prevented by threats of Anglo-American retaliation.

Anglo-American freezing orders ended at a single blow Shanghai's privileged position as a free international exchange market based on the free convertibility of Anglo-Saxon currencies against Chinese dollars. The Japanese and Japanese-sponsored currencies have all been inconvertible for a long time except into Chinese dollars.

The American freezing regulations had been anticipated here for months. According to high-informed quarters, U. S. Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau and T. V. Soong, Bank of China chairman, used the threat of freezing to harass Shanghai speculators, resulting in large-scale repatriation of Chinese capital from the United States and large-scale reconversion of United States dollar holdings into yuan. The latter movement accounted for the firmness of the yuan's exchange value in the past seven months.

Toy Exports Help To Pay For The War

Toy soldiers and miniature war equipment direct from the war zone are the latest craze with children.

Children in Britain are having to go without their toys so that they may be exported to help pay for the war. In London, the world's largest makers of toy soldiers, who use about 500 tons of lead to make upwards of 12,500,000 items a year, are now working entirely upon export orders, and many of these are for India.

The United States is buying five or six times as many British toy soldiers as it did before the war, and children there are showing special interest in the Empire troops fighting in the Near East.

Young India is keenly interested in 1041 lines like the Indian Infantry in service dress, Royal Indian Service Corps, and a special mountain battery, with guns, gunners, mules and mounted officers, as well as old favourites like Hodson's Horse, the Gurkha Rifles, Sikhs, Skinner's Horse and the Bikanir Camel Corps.

Modern mechanical warfare is reflected in the strong demand for the latest models of tanks, aeroplanes, Bren-gun carriers, barrage balloon units, Army lorries and motor cyclists.

Many children in India still prefer the traditional cowboys and Red Indians, Zulus and Togoland warriors.

He told him for the second time and told a story of what one of his doctors in New York, Dr. Giller, told him when asked how much longer he could live in view of his illness then.

"Dr. Giller said," the President stated, "I had 25 more years of life if I had the will to live. In fact, I think," he continued, "I will live another 25 years before I go to the great beyond."

The Chesterton Evidence Guild which holds weekly broadcasts on timely topics of public interest is made up of students and alumni of the Ateneo de Manila. President Quezon congratulated members of the Guild for their interesting dramatization of the nation's fight against the dreaded disease.

The President's remarks were a surprise to radio fans. When informed of the desire of the Guild to have him say a few words during the anti-tuberculosis campaign programme, the chief executive graciously consented.

The President recalled his fight against the illness which now af-

Starvation Destroys One-Third of Shansi

One-third to one-half the population of southeastern Shansi Province, China, has been wiped out in the last few weeks by starvation and pestilence, according to a cable received in New York by United China Relief from George A. Hogg, American relief worker in Shansi.

Hogg's report, forwarded by the China Defence League in Hongkong, of which Mme Sun Yat-sen is president, said that "scorched earth tactics" had accounted for most of the deaths. He failed to indicate the number of victims, but Shansi Province's population is 10,681,090.

"Livestock has been killed and produce destroyed, so that the population has been left without food," the report said.

Epidemic Followed
Epidemic rapidly followed the devastation of all the south-eastern section of the province, with the result that the health conditions have become "monstrous," it was reported.

Describing the stricken area through which he had made a trip to evaluate relief needs, Hogg said: "In almost every village and town there were large numbers of empty and burned-out houses, fields were untended, live stock starved."

More Than Half Ill
"Everywhere there was a chance to make anything like a detailed survey it was found that more than half the total population had recently been seriously ill with typhoid, typhus, relapsing fever and influenza epidemics which swept the area in the wake of the army."

The report ended with an appeal to the American Committee in Aid of Chinese Co-operatives and the China Aid Council two American relief groups which through the United China Relief Campaign are co-ordinating their appeal for medical and material aid for devastated areas.

"I've discovered that nobody knows the A.B.C. of politics," he said. "My book will be an elementary textbook on the subject."

"It will explain simply that two plus two equals four—not seven or eight, as some people seem to think."

"I now seem clear that Russia is going to win the war for us. It was mad of Hitler to attack Russia."

"Somebody asked me the other day what we were going to do to Hitler when Germany is beaten."

"I replied by saying that the question was: 'What is Russia going to do to him?'"

Asked what Russia would do to Hitler, Shaw answered: "I have not the slightest idea."

"I am much more interested in what Britain and America are going to do about Russia when it's all over."

Proof that in spite of the victories gained by Hitler many Germans refuse to accept the Nazi yoke is afforded by the recent publication of new Nazi decrees which have been designed as part of a system to put pressure on "unloyal" Germans.

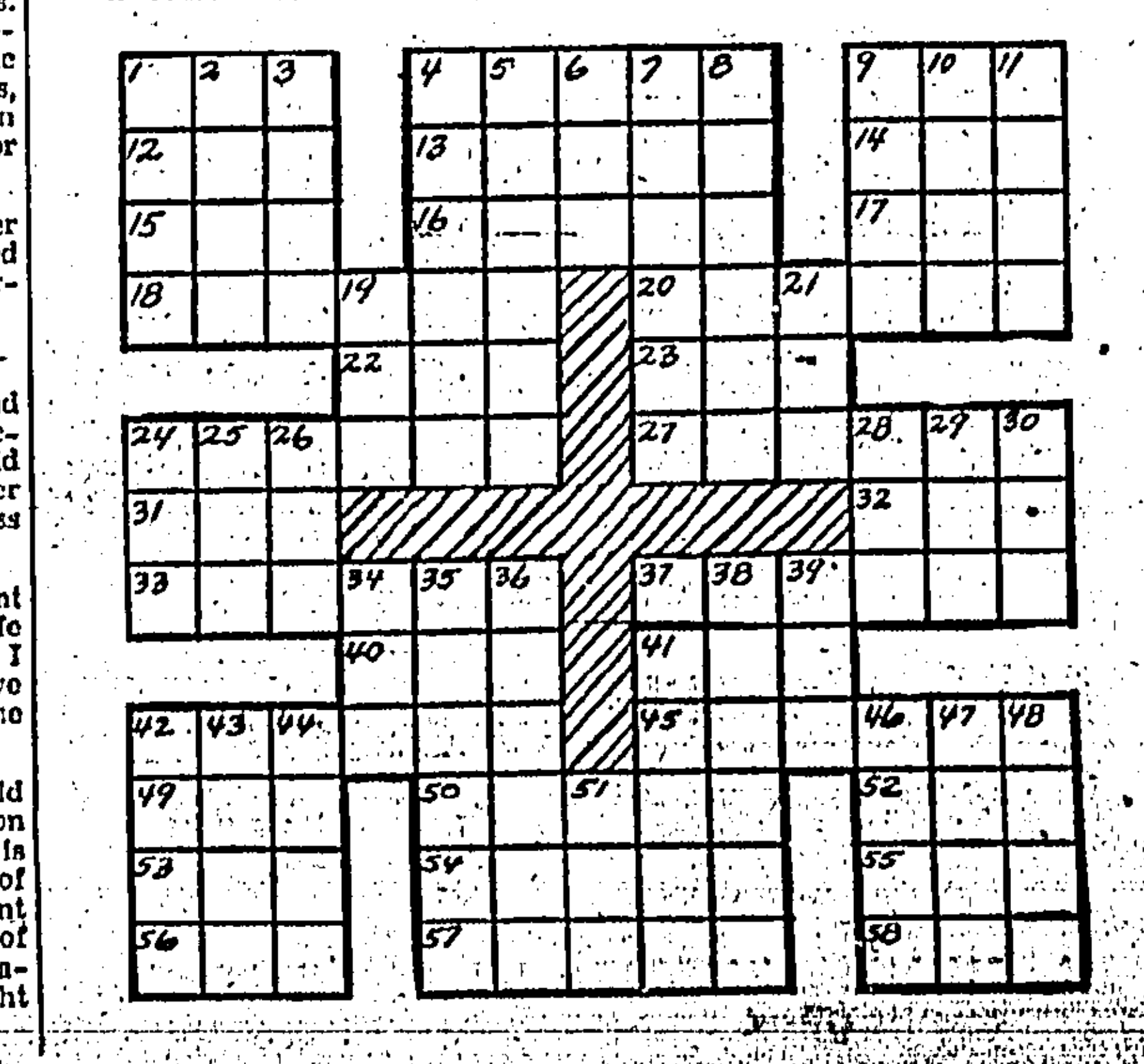
Details of the scheme are:—
1. If the family has anti-social habits;
2. If the child suffers from hereditary diseases;
3. If the child is racially unclean;
4. If the child refuses to obey the orders of the Nazi party; and
5. If the parents—especially the father—refuse to serve the interests of the Reich and the German nation.

This means that practically only those parents who are members of the Nazi party will receive the much advertised "education help."

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS	DOWN
1—Health resort	1—Sharp sound
2—Straighten	2—Name of rubber
3—Supply with weapons	3—Cousin of the shrike
4—Get suddenly cool	4—Man's name
5—Fast concern	5—Place one inside another
6—More than sufficiently	6—Swimmer of the English channel
7—Metric measure of area	7—Fishes name
8—Lower in estimation	8—Pinkish division of the soil
9—Mythic education	9—Kind of plant
10—Royal residence	10—Small occurrence
11—Hobbes	11—Confederate general
12—Of no importance	12—Bottle of Latakia
13—45 inches	13—Kind of shrub
14—Girl's name (pop.)	14—Lying to close
15—Decrease resembling beer	15—Kind of shrub
16—Give pleasure to mind	16—Quarantined
17—Have purpose in mind	17—Narrowly
18—Kind of jam	18—Tweeters
19—Sense especially for fatality	19—Understand as
20—Modern sanctuaries for fatality	20—Heavy vehicle
21—Best for riding	21—Narrow path
22—Feminine suffix	22—Willful
	23—As you say



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CHANNEL ALIVE WITH PLANES

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there were no British bombers over Germany itself.

Cities Singled Out
On the three remaining six nights, Mannheim was heavily attacked. There was a particularly heavy raid on Cologne on August 20 while Dusseldorf and Dusseldorf were the main objectives on the other two nights.

Subsidiary night attacks were also carried out on air ports at Boulogne, Le Havre and Ostend.

No single day passed without the British Air Force making daylight sweeps, one of which was remarkable for a low level attack on Rotterdam.

Numerous daylight attacks were also made against shipping.

The heavy offensive nature of these activities is shown by figures of losses—the Germans lost 21 and the British-73, of which 43 were bombers, 27 fighters and three F4 specified.

Busy Day
LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—To-day was one of the busiest days for the Fighter Command since the Battle of Britain last autumn. As the first streak of dawn was spreading across the sky, Spitfires were on their way to France, states the Air Ministry news service. From then until dark the offensive was kept up without stop.

Many pilots were over enemy territory more than once in the day, but there were few combats. Enemy fighters seen were nearly always in a minority and they mostly avoided British formations.

One Canadian sergeant, however, found himself in a dogfight with several Messerschmitts, one of which he shot down. He also damaged another.

Twice during the morning, bombers were safely escorted to and from their targets as far inside France as London is from the south coast.

Other fighters took a force of bombers to the Dordogne, where an important aerodrome was successfully attacked. In the evening, British fighters were again over France in force.

Flying Fortresses
Bremen port was bombed this evening by Flying Fortresses. A captain who in civil life is a sheep farmer in Australia, said that there was thick cloud in banks on the journey over the North Sea, with occasional clear patches through which the sea could be seen. The temperature was minus 55 Centigrade. (—67 Fah.)

"We followed the river down to Bremen," he said, "where the cloud was much lighter. We had a perfect view which resembled a long but lumpy rug sticking out towards the sea. Our bombs fell in the middle of the port. There was no fire from anti-aircraft guns, and we saw no fighters. In fact, it was a peaceful Sunday afternoon."

Congratulations
LONDON, Aug. 31 (British Wireless).—The Prime Minister has addressed to the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Bomber Command, Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, the following tribute to the actions of the Bomber Command Group which has been engaged in recent daylight operations:

"The devotion and gallantry of the attacks on Rotterdam and other objectives are beyond all praise. The charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava is eclipsed in brightness by these almost daily deeds of fame."

Tamerlane's Body Is Exhumed
A Moscow message that the tomb of Tamerlane at Samarkand, where the great conqueror of the fourteenth century lay buried, has been opened by Russian scientists.

The skeleton was found in a well-preserved condition and is now being examined by water. The skull has been damaged by water. The right leg was shorter than the left, a detail which agrees with tradition.

The skeleton lay in an ebony coffin inside a heavy marble tomb. Heavy brazen doors with inscriptions in gold thread have also been found. Two sons and grandson of Tamerlane have also been exhumed from their father's tomb.

Tamerlane, who died while marching to invade China, had conquered Syria, Persia, the Caucasus, and Turkey and had invaded India during his lifetime of 28 years.

LATE NEWS

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING
T.T. London 1/2 3/4
Demand London 1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai 400
T.T. Singapore 52 1/2
T.T. Japan 102 1/2 n.
T.T. India 82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A. 24 1/2
T.T. Manila 40 1/2
T.T. Batavia 140
T.T. Bangkok 100
T.T. Saigon 107
T.T. Switzerland 1/10 1/2
T.T. Australia 1/10 1/2

BUYING
4 m/s L/C London 1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London 1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 23 3/4
4 m/s France 84 1/2
30 d/s India 84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.

Worship Of Fuhrer Not Enough

News has just reached London of the strangest religious revival in history.

It is taking place in Germany, where, since the Nazi ideology took root, religious persecution has flourished. But the Nazi leaders are finding that the terror of air raids cannot be overcome without the consolation of religion, and in consequence a number of concessions have been granted to Catholics.

Reports state that Goebbels has ordered the lifting of restrictions on going to church after air raids, and Catholic priests may now go out during an Alert to administer the last sacraments.

Goebbels has also informed the German Episcopate, through the Church Ministry, that further orders will be issued with a view to aiding priests in carrying out their religious duties during raids.

Jew-Baiting Relaxed
Some time ago it was stated that Jew-baiting had been relaxed in the Reich with a view to securing much-needed additions to war workers.

The boastful Nazi leaders, it is learned, have found it extremely distasteful to have to admit that their regime has not completely obliterated from the minds of their people the need for something more than adoration of the Fuhrer to sustain them in the ever-increasing fury of the R.A.F.'s raids.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Bankers 1,440 b.
H.K. Bankers 78 n.
H.K. Bankers (H.K.) 83 n.
Chartered Bankers 9 1/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. 23 3/4 n.
Mercantile C. E. 11 1/4 n.
East Asia S. 70 n.

INSURANCE
Canton Ins. S. 230 b. & sa.
Union Ins. S. 432 1/2 n.
China Underwriters S. 1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. S. 185 b. & sa.

SHIPPING
Douglas S. 120 sa.
Steamboats S. 8 1/2 sa.
Indo-China S. 70 n.
Indo-China D. S. 70 n.
Shell (Bearers) S. 51/10 1/4 n.
Waterboats S. 65 sa.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves S. 91 sa.
Docks S. 16 30 b.
Providents S. 6 1/2 sa.
S'nal Dock S. 30 1/2 n.

MINING
Kailan S. 13 1/2 n.
Rauha S. 7 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines 2 cts n.

LANDS
Hotels S. 360 b. & sa.
Lands S. 36 b.
Lands S. 97 1/2 sa.
S'nal Lands S. 20 1/2 n.
Humphreys S. 7 sa.
H.K. Realities S. 3 1/2 b. & sa.
Chinese Estates S. 100 sa.

UTILITIES
Trams S. 17 b. & sa.
Peak Trams (old) S. 7 sa.
Peak Trams (new) S. 3 1/4 sa.
Star Ferries S. 5 1/2 sa.
Y. Ferries S. 23 b.
China Lights (old) S. 6 35 b.
China Lights (new) S. 1 05 b.
H.K. Electric (old) S. 22 sa.
H.K. Electric (new) S. 1 1/4 sa.
H.K. Electric Rts S. 11 10 b. & sa.
H.K. Electric S. 18 1/4 sa.
Sandakan Lights S. 12 1/4 sa.
Telephones (old) S. 23 1/4 b. & sa.
Telephones (new) S. 8 1/4 b.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S. 45 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S. 35 n.
Canton S. 15 10 b.
Cements S. 15 10 b.
H.K. Ropes S. 9 35 sa.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms S. 18 30 b. & sa.
Watsons S. 11 1/4 b.
Lane Crawford S. 2 1/2 sa.
Sincere S. 2 1/2 sa.
Wing On (H.K.) S. 30 sa.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. S. 1 1/2 sa.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo S. 42 n.
S'nal Cotton S. 303 n.

MISO
H.K. Govt 4 1/2 101 sa.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1934) 1 sa.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1940) 98 n.
C. Govt 5 1/2 1928 GSDs. 42 n.
Entertainments S. 0 1/2 sa.
Constructions (old) S. 1 60 sa.
Constructions (new) S. 1 60 sa.
Vibro Piling S. 7 1/2 sa.
Maumans Inv. (Lon.) S. 6 1/2 n.
Maumans Inv. (H.K.) S. 1 0 sa.

PEACE OR WAR DECISION SOON

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Pao' in an editorial regarding the Roosevelt-Nomura talks to-day stated that they were "only a gesture with which the United States expects to win concessions from Britain and Russia during the coming tri-power conference. Under no circumstances will Japan accept a worthless return from five years of the China war in which she has sacrificed Japanese blood for the sake of a co-prosperity sphere. We do not favour such conferences which are likely to alienate Japan from the Axis."

Wang Ching-wei's "Central China Daily News" said: "If negotiations break down, peace in the Pacific by any other means is practically impossible."

NAZIS HOPE TO CRUSH SOVIET

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Iron industry east of the Dnieper will be partly closed down.

Alternatives
It is true that there are other iron deposits as alternatives to those at Krivoirog and also electro-power alternatives to the Dnieper hydro-electric plant, but the Red Army's industrial sources are still great so industrial sources are clearly interested in safeguarding these areas in which the Germans are clearly thrust at Gernel.

Leningrad
Considerable importance is also attached to Leningrad, not only from the military and morale point of view but also industrially. The Germans are aiming at the capture of Leningrad but as this will prove an extremely arduous task, it is probable that they will be satisfied for the present if they are able to besiege the city and thus curtail the industrial output.

Even this would not be a fatal blow to the Soviet war production, but nevertheless it would be serious. From all this, it is clear that Britain and America must reckon during the coming months with losses and impediments in the Russians' industrial production and it will be to them and especially America to make to make up for it.

R.A.F. Raid Tripoli And Destroy Ships

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ton outside the harbour on fire from the stem to the funnel and two other ships of 5,000 tons each in the harbour burnt out and another alight at two points. Fires at the base of the Karmanli Mole were still burning.

Benghazi
"At Benghazi, a low-level attack was made on a ship at Juliana Mole and a cloud of white smoke was seen after the attack.

"Aircraft concentrated on Berka Aerodrome were machine-gunned. "Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed store dumps north of Bardia and several fires were started."

"During the night of August 29-30, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed Gerbini Aerodrome (Sicily) and carried out a machine-gunning attack.

"Other aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm located a merchant ship of 6,000 tons escorted by destroyers off Sicily and attacked the convoy. The merchant ship was believed to have been hit by a torpedo.

"Yesterday Blenheim aircraft of the R.A.F. bombed the power houses of the Italian factories of Licata and obtained a number of direct hits on each target. Clouds of smoke were seen and debris was thrown high into the air. Considerable damage was done.

Abyssinia
"In Abyssinia, R.A.F. and South African Air Force aircraft bombed and machine-gunned enemy fortified positions at Deberch on August 29 and again yesterday, direct hits being observed on the forts, huts and trenches.

"From all these operations, one of our aircraft is missing."

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Shortage of Man-Power In German Industry

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Fresh evidence of a German labour shortage is revealed in a report that "German workers have been obliged to exchange tools the rifle, and the Jewish population of Warsaw will be found suitable work in German industry under supervision."

Another journal suggests the prohibition of smoking in public conveyances because it is not always possible to clean them "as the personnel must be used elsewhere."

A recent decree also shows that the Germans have been obliged to recruit tubercular patients and have relaxed measures against the spread of infectious diseases in factories.

Faced with the mounting threat of American war production and deliveries, Germany, according to the Reich Trade Commissioner, has become "the world's largest labour market and is endeavouring in every way to solve the problem of labour shortage."

War Prisoners
The following figures show how

Germany is tackling the problem. Apart from 1,400,000 war prisoners employed in German agriculture and industries, about the same number of civilian workers have been recruited from all European countries, except Turkey, according to an official German statement published on April 1 last.

Since then, according to Italian statistics, the number of Italian workers in Germany has been doubled and now approaches 300,000.

The German Minister of Labour announced that Dutch workers in Germany have increased from 91,000 on April 1 last to 223,000 to-day, and Belgian workers from 87,000 to 100,000.

The system whereby these workers are drawn from the various countries is officially described as "voluntary."

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Strength of Anglo-Soviet Alliance Re-Emphasised

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—"We will fight to the end until Hitlerite Germany is utterly and completely crushed," said M. Ivan Malsky, Soviet Ambassador, speaking to-day.

"My people are fighting heroically and with the greatest determination. They are building no half-way course." Declaring that his people had not the slightest doubt of the final issue, M. Malsky asked, "But what of the price?"

He went on: "The Soviet people have already sustained many losses and sacrifices in men, material and territory with the possibility of future losses and sacrifices. But everyone of them knows and everyone here knows that the closest possible military, economic and political co-operation between the peoples of Britain and the Soviet Union is the way to reduce those sacrifices to as low a level as possible."

CHANNEL ALIVE WITH PLANES

R.A.F. Sweeps Over France

Special to the "Telegraph"

FOLKESTONE, Aug. 31 (UP).—The skies over the Channel to-day were alive with bombers and fighters of the R.A.F. who were staging one of the biggest shows for days, in which at least three major sweeps were made over the Continent and Northern France in what virtually a "shuttle service" ever since breakfast time.

ATTACK ON TURKEY POSSIBLE

Reported German Preparations

ANKARA, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—As the war drama gathers momentum in Eastern Europe, two new aspects of the situation confront observers—Germany's preparations for the next Black Sea thrust and the readiness of her possible victim Turkey, to meet any challenge.

With Turkish cities only a few miles from blacked-out Europe blazing lights to-night in celebration of Victory Day, marking the anniversary of the defeat of the Greeks 19 years ago, and the buildings of all large towns festooned with flags and streamers, a sombre warning came from Moscow that Hitler is preparing a "trenchant attack" on Turkey and that to this end, he had stationed four divisions on the Turkish frontier.

Supplementing this are reports from Istanbul that Nazi officers are studying Turkish terrain and instructing troops on the methods of "passing over natural borders."

Further German forces are said to be moving up to the border region, well-informed Istanbul circles estimating that in the near future Germany intends to bring the number of her troops on the Turkish border to 300,000.

Army's Defiance

But there is another side to the picture. Those who had any lingering doubts as to the capacity of Turkey to stand up to a military onslaught can now ponder the words of Marshal Cakmak, Chief of Turkish General Staff, who stated in Ankara: "The Turkish armies, equipped with the most modern armaments and thoroughly trained, are ready to fulfil to the last drop of their blood any order given by the Government for peace and security. They have the necessary strength to fulfil their whole duty."

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RUSSIANS CLAIM NAZI CONQUEST PLANS NOW "IGNOMINIOUS FIASCO"

Germans Suffering Huge Casualties

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (UP).—The Russian assaults are reported to be stemming the German tide on all fronts as Soviet officials to-day boasted that Russian resistance has already turned Hitler's plans of conquest into an "ignominious fiasco."

Dispatches reported that the Red army is inflicting huge casualties on the Germans in fierce fighting from the Arctic circles to the Black Sea. Nearly 10,000 casualties have been suffered by the Nazis in three separate battles.

As the titanic battle of Russia entered its eleventh week the newspaper "Izvestia" predicted a "complete collapse" of Hitler's original plan, when he sent his armies smashing into Poland two years ago to-morrow starting the second world war within a generation.

Izvestia said that one of the greatest blows against Hitler was the crushing of his hopes of the isolation of the United States by propaganda and subversive means. The paper added, "Now, Roosevelt and Churchill show that all of Hitler's hopes of isolating the United States and keeping that great trans-Atlantic Republic out of the war have been smashed to smithereens."

Arctic Circle Fighting

MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (UP).—A special correspondent on the Arctic front for the newspaper "Izvestia," Playwright Nikolai Virla, to-day reported fierce fighting in the Arctic circle by General Bach's division. General Bach arrived in a flying boat and assumed command after the Russians had repeatedly repulsed attacks on the city of "N." In the three days fighting in the lakes region amongst the huge boulders and impenetrable forests, the Germans lost 1,200 casualties.

Kiev Reports

MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (UP).—An army of Kiev youths laughed uproariously yesterday when at a meeting in a local theatre, Brigade Commander Boris Mildenloev read a special announcement saying, "The fascists report that Kiev has been taken and are describing the ceremonial march of the main streets." Representatives of the Popular Guards, Destruction Battalions and Women's auxiliaries to-day considered measures to strengthen defences and passed a resolution saying, "Kiev is, and will remain Soviet. The fascists will be wiped off the face of the earth."

Budenny's Appeal

MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (UP).—Marshal Budenny to-day appealed to German, Rumanian, Hungarian and Slovak armies to overthrow Hitler, give up the fight and join the Red army. Leaflets were dropped on the enemy lines which reviewed the first world war in which twenty million soldiers were killed and led to population of the earth.

SOVIET'S RETREAT IN NORTH

Karelian Isthmus Evacuated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 31 (UP).—The Stockholm correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reported to-night that the Russians have evacuated the Karelian Isthmus north of Leningrad.

He stated that Marshal Voroshilov, Commander of the Russian forces on the northern sector, has abandoned practically without resistance the mighty chain of fortifications in the lakes and forests stretching from Taipale on Lake Ladoga to the island fortress of Koivisto on the Finnish Gulf, withdrawing his forces across from the Russo-Finnish frontier behind a shorter 200-miles bulwark of the Stalin Line.

The retreat is more of political than military significance in view of the growing rumours of possibility of a separate Russo-Finnish peace. It is believed that the Russian withdrawal to the old frontier indicates Moscow's willingness to abide by a peaceful settlement.

LATEST

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British Women At War Work

British women are increasingly being drafted into the factories to help in the British war effort. This picture shows girls "manning" machines for producing parts for anti-tank guns at a Ministry of Supply factory.

Peace Or War In The Pacific, Decision Expected Very Soon

SHANGHAI, Aug. 31 (UP).—Japan is facing the most critical period since she signed the tripartite alliance, and the results of the current Japanese-American conversations may determine for the Kono Government the possibility of whether there shall be war or peace in the Pacific.

Oil Supply Line To Philippines

Latest Anti-Japan Measure

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HYDE PARK, Aug. 31 (UP).

President Roosevelt to-day again strengthened the hand of the United States in the Far East when he opened a new oil supply line to the Philippines for the United States forces in the Far East.

Under the unlimited emergency powers, the President revoked the 37 year old prohibition against the shipment of gasoline, fuel oil and other lubricants to the Philippines in vessels of foreign registry.

As in previous actions in the "economic warfare" against Japan, the President permitted the disclosure of the oil shipment move without comment, but it appeared certain that it was designed to exert a steadily increasing economic pressure against Japan.

Will Relieve Pressure

He did not explain what foreign flag ships might henceforth carry lubricants for the United States forces in the Philippines, but the order would permit British and Dutch tankers operating from the Dutch East Indies to establish an all important supply line for petroleum from the south to the United States army in the Far East. The establishment of such supply line from the Dutch East Indies to the Philippines would relieve some of the pressure in the tanker situation in the continental limits of the United States.

With petroleum on the eastern seaboard already critically short due to the transfer of tankers to Britain, the United States could not afford to assign any tankers of sufficient tonnage to supply the Philippines army from the United States to Manila and Cavite, so the move is designed to establish a supply line immediately.

Department commanders have been empowered to make contracts and revise existing agreements which are expected to start the flow of East Indies lubricants to the Philippine storage depots.

Four Enemy Ships Sunk

Dramatic Work By A British Submarine

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 31 (UP).

An Admiralty communique states that a British submarine sank four enemy supply ships and damaged two others in recent operations in the Mediterranean.

On the afternoon of August 24, a British submarine attacked an Italian squadron of three six-inch cruisers escorted by six destroyers and flying boats.

A strong enemy counter-attack prevented the submarine from observing the results of the attack.

Col Lovat-Fraser

CHUNGKING, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—It is learned that Colonel Lovat-Fraser, former British Military Attaché, who is at present in India, will shortly come to Chungking to join the Military Attaché's office of the British Embassy here.

Desert War Boiling Up: Middle East Stable

KARACHI, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—There may soon be a tough fight in the Western Desert where the Germans have been making preparations in the past few months, says "Reuter's" correspondent who has just returned from the Middle East.

General Sir Claude Auchinleck

leek, however, has already expressed his confidence of the positions, and the most encouraging feature is the ever-increasing flow of supplies to this area from America.

That the Germans are uneasy about this is evident in their persistent night bombing of the Suez Canal area in an effort to hinder and disorganize the arrival of supplies.

Syria
In Syria, things seem to be settling down well, great goodwill being shown on all sides. From a military standpoint, the position in Syria is very satisfactory and the moral effect to the Turks caused by the establishment of a frontier with the Allied forces for a distance of nearly 500 miles must be considerable.

Iraq
In Iraq the situation is stabilised. The new Government formed by the TURKISH BACK PAGE, Column 5

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

August 25

Day of Heavy Rain. With a rainfall of 3.545 inches for the 24 hours ending at 11 p.m., to-day was the wettest day of the month.

Some rain fell shortly after midnight, but there were only intermittent drizzles until shortly before noon when a heavy downpour began and continued until late in the evening. This month has been rather dry for August, although early in the month there were promises to the contrary. On August 3 over two inches of rain fell and more than one and half inches on August 4, but there have been very few heavy downpours since. The rainfall for Sunday was half an inch.

The Bomber Fund. The following telegram, dated August 21, has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies by His Excellency the Governor:

"Following from Colonel Moore's letter of August 10, the South China Morning Post War Fund gratefully acknowledges the generous contribution to our united war effort made by the Bomber Fund."

Cost of Living. Only slight changes in the prices of foodstuffs took place during the past ten days. Beef is down by 10 cents a pound, but pork is up by five cents, being quoted at 85 cents a pound yesterday. Pork chops are, however, 15 cents a pound.

Vegetables. Though not plentiful, show little change in price. Apples and oranges are cheaper.

Chicken is \$1.80 a catty, which is 20 cents higher than last week. Eggs are being 85 cents a dozen.

Prices ruling yesterday, with those of August 16 in brackets, were:

Pork 85 cts a pound; chops \$1.25 a pound (80 cts).
Beef 80 cts a pound (80 cts).
Chicken \$1.80 a catty (\$1.60).
Eggs 45 cts a dozen (52 cts).
Potatoes 9 cts a pound (10 cts).
Onions 8 cts a pound (8 cts).
Brinjals 15 cts a pound (15 cts).
Tomatoes 32 cts a pound (30 cts).
Oranges 17 cts each (18 cts).
Apples 40 cts each (45 cts).
More U.S. Ships For Pacific. The decision of the Japanese shipping companies to allow their ships to call here has also resulted in the stranding of a number of people, and inconvenience to others.

The situation would appear to be much improved now, with an increased number of American ships calling here next month.

Three ships of the American President Lines are expected to leave Hongkong for the United States. The first is expected to leave about the first week in September, another about the middle of the month, and the third towards the end of the month. Further information regarding these sailings may be had on application to the American President Lines, Limited.

Review Of

The Principal Topics Aug 24 To Aug 30

Wednesday

August 27

Peak Burglaries. A lady was gagged by a burglar who entered her bedroom at 115 The Peak, according to a story told to Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Central Magistracy to-day, in a case which also concerned the theft of several articles belonging to Lady Blackburn, wife of the Counsellor to the British Embassy at Chungking.

Yang Chang-tang, 24, unemployed, was convicted on two counts of (a) breaking into No. 115 The Peak and stealing from the premises one handbag containing \$11.95, one purse, two pairs of sunglasses, one silver watch and one rosary, valued at \$56.95, the property of Miss G. Ybarra, children's nurse, and (b) stealing two pairs of spectacles, one rosary head bracelet, one gold cross, two bangles, one gold finger ring, one silver expanding necklace, one imitation pearl necklace and one carved jade slip, valued at \$104, the property of Lady Blackburn, at No. 114 The Peak.

It was stated that about 4.20 a.m. on August 24 Miss Ybarra was suddenly awakened by some noise in her bedroom but seeing nothing, she went to sleep again.

Sometime later she was again awakened by the sound of the door of a wardrobe opening. She had a glimpse of Defendant taking out of the wardrobe a bag and was about to scream when Defendant seized her by the neck and gagged her with a piece of cloth. Defendant ran to the window and escaped. The house was broken into through a window which was reached by means of a ladder.

Defendant was arrested by an Indian watchman at Hill Crest and admitted that the articles found in his possession were stolen. Miss Ybarra recognised the articles as her property.

Lady Blackburn discovered the theft of her property the following morning. As a result of inquiries made Defendant was found to be the culprit. All the articles stolen from Lady Blackburn were thrown into the harbour by Defendant since they could not be disposed of except the spectacles which were pawned for 20 cents.

Defendant was once employed as a house cooler at No. 114 The Peak but on July 19 he was dismissed when he was convicted on a charge of larceny of clothing from his employer.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour on the first count and three months on the second, and was also recommended for deportation.

Brawl At Repulse Bay. An alleged assault on the afternoon of June 12 had a sequel before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Central Magistracy to-day when Ah Hui of 27 Lung Lung Street was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for causing a disturbance at 110 Gloucester Road, causing him bodily harm.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for Defendant, while Complainant was represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Ross.

Complainant, examined by Mr. Sullivan, stated that he had been employed by Mr. Banerjee for three years. On the day in question he obtained leave from his employer and spent it with a picnic and that as from Monday, September 1, the licensing of metals will be transferred from the office of the Controller of Trade to that of the Metals Controller, at Holland House, 1st floor.

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Thursday

August 28

Husbands' Protest Meeting. Connected with a no confidence vote at a mass meeting of Hongkong's bachelors-husbands to-day, the Evacuation Representation Committee resigned in a body and was replaced by a new committee.

The Peninsula Hotel Rose Room was crowded for the meeting, which was presided over by Mr. V. Taylor's published announcement of his decision to resign from the post of Acting Honorary Secretary. He announced that decision in a letter to the S. C. M. Post on August 26 in which he made certain allegations against the Committee.

At to-day's meeting he amplified those allegations, which, in the words of the Committee Chairman, Mr. C. E. Terry, carried an accusation of "bad faith" against the Committee and its individual members.

Mr. Terry, who presided, roundly denied Mr. Taylor's several charges and was supported in his denials by Mr. J. F. MacGregor, Vice-Chairman, but one member of the Committee, Mr. J. Shepherd, supported Mr. Taylor's complaint in respect to a letter to the Colonial Secretary, which, it was stated, had not been shown to all the members before it was sent through the Governor.

Mr. R. J. Banks was elected Chairman of the new Committee, with Mr. Taylor as Hon. Secretary. The Committee decided to present a letter to the Governor to-day describing the adverse effects of the evacuation order and urging its immediate rescission.

Another public meeting will be held next Monday when the result of the interview with the Governor will be announced.

Members of the Committee present were Mr. C. E. Terry (Chairman), Messrs J. Shepherd, S. Simpson, F. C. Duckworth, J. N. Sweeney, A. C. Jeffrey, J. F. MacGregor and W. V. Taylor (Acting Hon. Secretary).

The new committee elected comprised Messrs J. Shepherd, N. Nicholson, W. G. McKie, Capt. W. E. Kirby, V. D. Gage and Jarvis, with Mr. W. V. Taylor as hon. secretary.

War Savings Certificates. It is expected that shortly Hongkong residents will be able to purchase war savings certificates in the Colony. This was indicated officially to-day, when it was revealed that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had approved of the idea of making them available to Hongkong public.

Friday

August 29

First Resident of Kowloon Tong. District. The death of a resident of Kowloon Tong, Mr. Augustinus Tang Yew-pun, of Pioneer Store, No. 7 Stafford Road, Kowloon Tong, occurred at St. Teresa's Hospital on Friday morning after a short illness.

The late Mr. Tang was the first resident to settle down in Kowloon Tong district.

Born in Kwangtung province 57 years ago, Mr. Tang had been to the United States where he stayed for seven years. His marriage to Miss Ma King-sin, an artist, took place in 1910. Prior to the opening of the Pioneer Family Store, he was a broker dealing with the sale of cinema films in Canton.

About 16 years ago Mr. Tang settled down with his family in Kowloon Tong. He became a residential district. They found the place very agreeable and soon other people followed their lead in making their homes in the district. For the convenience of their neighbours, their residence was partly transformed into a store selling groceries which gradually increased in size and finally emerged as the Pioneer Family Store because the whole family have shares in the shop.

Mr. Tang was a member of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Club and had many friends in the district. He leaves a widow, three daughters, Rosaline, Angelina and Pauline and a son, Peter. His relations in Hongkong are his brother-in-law Mr. S. K. Chung, Manager of Dennis and Company.

Vain Evacuation Move. As instructed at Thursday's general meeting, members of the new Evacuation Representation Committee presented themselves at Government House to-day at 6 p.m. intending to present to the Governor a letter outlining their case against the evacuation edict and urging its revocation. They were informed by an official that it was not convenient for His Excellency to receive them.

Seeking A Year. The following have been constituted a Board of Petitioners for St. Andrews' Church, Kowloon, to take steps to find a new Vicar for the parish:

The Bishop (or his Commissary, the Rev. E. W. Martin); the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach (representing the Archdeacon of Hongkong); Major R. J. L. 800, 2,000; May 12-10, 14,500 (11,000, 3,500); June 2-10, 13,700 (8,000, 5,700); June 9-15, 13,300 (10,000, 3,300); June 16-22, 13,700 (10,000, 3,700); June 23-29, 13,300 (10,000, 3,300); July 6-12, 13,700 (10,000, 3,700); July 13-19, 13,700 (10,000, 3,700); July 20-26, 13,700 (10,000, 3,700); July 27-Aug. 2, 12,700 (8,000, 4,700); Aug. 3-9, 13,000 (10,000, 3,000); Aug. 10-16, 13,000 (10,000, 3,000); Aug. 17-23, 13,000 (10,000, 3,000); Aug. 24-30, 13,000 (10,000, 3,000).

A meeting was held on August 10 at which, states the Andrian, it was reported that Mr. Wittenbach had, with the approval of the Church Council, written to the Archbishop of Melbourne and to Bishop Donald Baker, Principal of Ridley College, Melbourne, asking their assistance in finding a Vicar from Australia.

The Bishop was also asked to make enquiries from the Church of Canada while in the United States.

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Saturday

August 30

Hollanders Celebrate. The birthday, which fell yesterday, of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, was fervently celebrated by the Netherlands community in Hongkong this evening, when a reception was held in honour of the Queen's birthday at the residence of Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg, acting Consul-General in Hongkong for the Netherlands, at No. 532 The Peak.

No official reception was given by the Consul-General during the day, as customary in peace time, but Netherlands attending took the opportunity to reaffirm their loyalty to their Queen, and to confirm again the "organic and functional relationship between the House of Orange and the Netherlands, a relationship which

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

While the cost of living is down a bit, the cost of leaving is suffering from inflation spiral.

And of course the Government can't always tell the husbands, "You should have thought of it all this before you proposed to her."

And when they're at it, why not have a bar sinister across the proposed husband's forehead?

I note from a heading that a climbing pearl has been purloined at Yau-mai. Don't they ever?

Then there's the lady who looks like she was put into her dress and forgot to say when.

The Health expert enlarges again on the blessings of ventilation. Perhaps for the average Hongkonger that he could use a porous waterproof window pane.

Because of the freeing, it is reported that there are 9,000,000 idle dollars in Shanghai. Why, that in real money must be at least three and fourpence!

Many wild animals charge with their eyes closed. I know a few comrades who do the same.

The many impending divorces in this town are causing the lawyers to go round with dark triangles under their eyes.

"We had a hard road to hoe," said the husbands' chairman, as reported. Better stick to padding your own kazoos.

While the husbands were meeting, so was the Y's Men's Club. But then the sadder and the wiser are not always the same people.

We need another \$304,000 so that a Hongkong bombing unit can be formed. Well, maybe a bargain could be struck with the food hawkers or the Vegetable Guild.

More than four centuries."

The toast to the Queen was followed by the singing of the Netherlands National Anthem.

Castle Peak Rd. Explosion. Mr. J. H. Ruttenjoe's bungalow near the seafront at the 12-mile post, Castle Peak Road, was damaged by splinters from the explosion, while the furniture was scattered about.

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Sunday

August 24

New Fire Engines. Tests of the American La France fire engines—the most modern and powerful machines of this type in the Far East—were carried out, when they more than lived up to their reputation for speed and performance in road and pumping tests.

The four engines, which arrived in the Colony a few days ago, have 12-cylinder engines with an H.P. rating of 750 h.p., developing 240 brake h.p. Despite considerable size, the machine is very fast and easy to handle. It is not troubled by any hill in the Colony. Top speed is said to be more than 60 m.p.h.

With its powerful siren clearing a way through the traffic on Saturday, one of the machines went from the Central Fire Station to the waterfront near the China Club, where hoses were connected, and the pumping qualities tested.

Seating accommodation is provided for four other persons besides the driver in the cab of the fire engine, while there is standing room for four or more firemen at the rear. The siren works automatically with a flashed warning lamp which is mounted on the bonnet.

Principally these engines are to be used to pump salt water from the Praya up to the higher levels. They are each provided with six high suction hoses. The swivelled monitor is detachable and can be operated on a fire float. Each machine also carries a 100 gallon tank with emergency hose, so that the firemen can throw water immediately on reaching the scene.

The tests were carried out under the supervision of Mr. J. C. Fitz Henry, Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, and Mr. E. F. Brown, mechanical engineer.

It is understood that two of the engines will be stationed at the Central Fire Station, one in Wan-chai, and the other in Kowloon.

Caddies on Strike. Caddies at the Kowloon Golf Club went on strike on Friday, following the dismissal of two of them for allegedly going out of turn in carrying clubs for members.

The trouble arose out of some members of the Club giving caddies "cushaw" after rounds—a practice which is strictly against the rules. On Friday, two members were well-known for giving substantial "cushaw" at the end of their play, arrived at the Club and two of the old caddies refused to turn in to carry for them.

This was objected to by some of the newer and younger caddies. The two culprits were discharged on the spot and at their departure the rest of the caddies went on strike.

It was learned to-day that the strike had been settled, the caddies returning to their duties. The Committee of the Old Site Transformed. Used for the last 30 or more years by stallholders for the sole purpose of selling fruits, the fringe of the old site, near the centre of Bonham Strand, close to the old Western Market, is now to be the site of a two-storey public latrine. Construction work is well advanced and the whole structure will be completed in approximately three months.

Inquiries revealed that the majority of the fruit stall owners have closed down business entirely.

It was maintained that old customers would hardly be inconvenienced by the disappearance of the stalls as there were others in the Western Market which is close by. On the other hand, it was pointed out that the demolition of the stalls would go some way towards relieving the congestion of traffic proceeding to and from the busy centre of Nam Pak Hong. The fruit market has for many years been something of a landmark.

Defence Reserve. The following persons have been allowed to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve:

Mr. G. F. Gilbert, with effect from August 15; Mr. C. R. Wilson, with effect from August 15; and Mr. E. Ellis, with effect from August 15.

Mr. B. D. Evans and Mr. T. L. Bell have been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the Key-Posta Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

District Officer North, Mr. John Barrow, District Officer, North, Hongkong, is appointed Commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations in connection with the succession to property on death within the Northern District of the New Territories so long as he shall continue to act as District Officer North.

Government House. The movement under Government House has slowed down very considerably, repairs have been completed and the house is now entirely habitable. The movement was caused by the construction of air raid tunnels under the grounds and House.

Regular and frequent inspections are being carried out in case of movements likely to cause further damage.

Bomber Fund's \$2,500,000. Shortly before noon on Saturday the Bomber Fund passed the \$2,500,000 mark, thanks to a number of splendid donations, which amounted to \$7,001.70, received during the short space of two-and-a-half hours.

The Fellowship of the Bellows gave the Fund its biggest push by sending in its eighth donation of \$5,000.

Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor forwarded a third donation of \$1,000, Mr. and Mrs. Petro a second donation of \$500, while the monthly contribution from the Chinese Staff of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. amounting to \$500, was received.

At noon, the Fund reached the total of \$2,501,415.50.

HUSBANDS HOLD PUBLIC MEETING

Defendant was once employed as a house cooler at No. 114 The Peak but on July 19 he was dismissed when he was convicted on a charge of larceny of clothing from his employer.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour on the first count and three months on the second, and was also recommended for deportation.

Brawl At Repulse Bay. An alleged assault on the afternoon of June 12 had a sequel before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Central Magistracy to-day when Ah Hui of 27 Lung Lung Street was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for causing a disturbance at 110 Gloucester Road, causing him bodily harm.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for Defendant, while Complainant was represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Ross.

Complainant, examined by Mr. Sullivan, stated that he had been employed by Mr. Banerjee for three years. On the day in question he obtained leave from his employer and spent it with a picnic and that as from Monday, September 1, the licensing of metals will be transferred from the office of the Controller of Trade to that of the Metals Controller, at Holland House, 1st floor.

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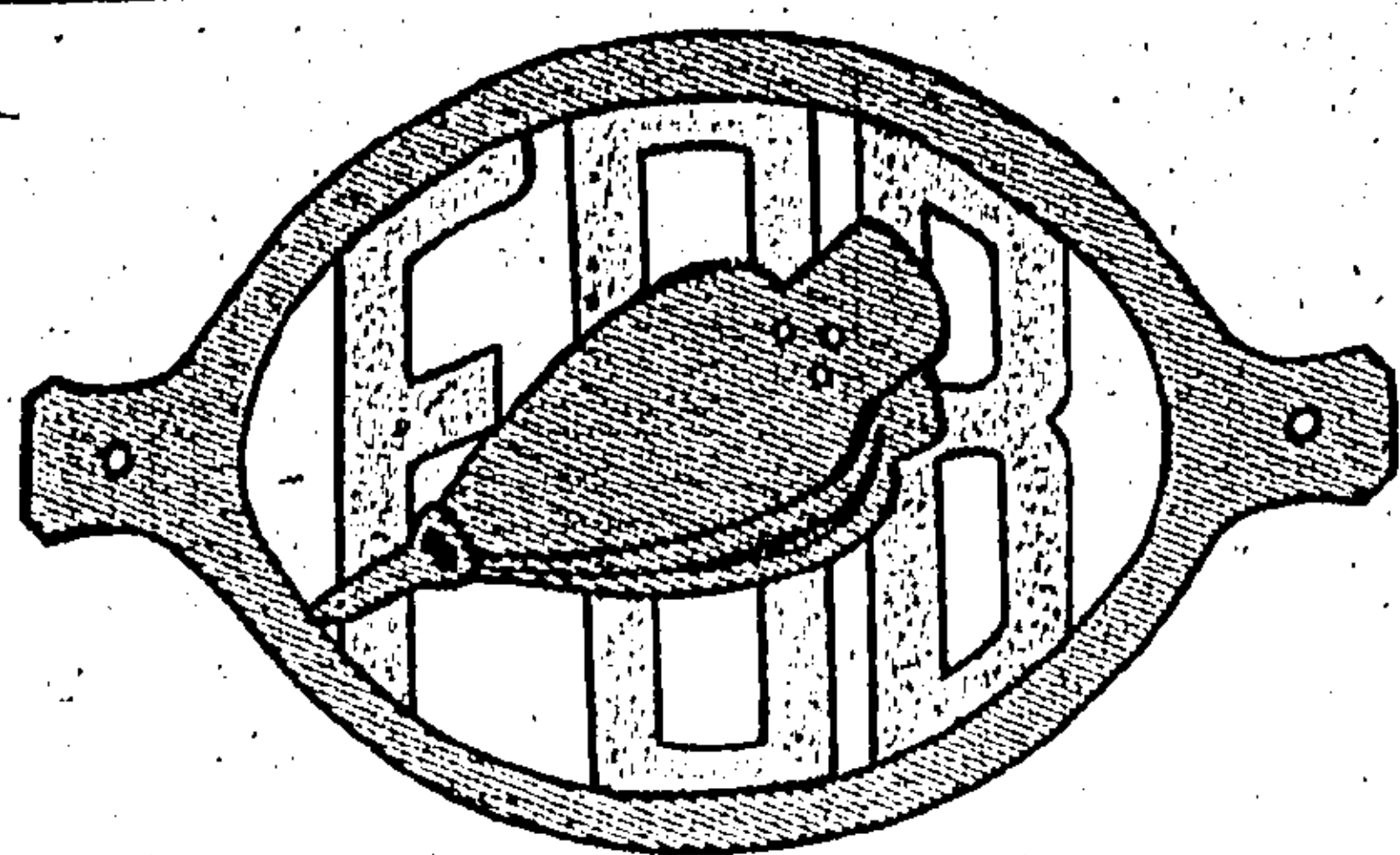
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Thais Will Fight To Defend Their Soil

"The story of Thailand to-day is the story of a nation waiting to be invaded," declared Mr. Frank Gervasi, associate editor of the American magazine "Collier's," when he arrived in Singapore after spending ten days in Bangkok.

"I am personally convinced that the Thai are going to fight," he said. "They have their eyes open for what is happening."

"They believe that if they fight they will be saving face, honour and dignity as men who are confident that the Axis is going to lose and that they will get a decent break after peace."

"The Thai will tell you," he continued, "that they would rather die on their feet than live on their knees."

Pro-British

The people in Thailand, he said, were making very serious preparations to prepare themselves. "They are preponderantly pro-British," he added.

"Japan would be in for a bad time if she involved herself in a conflict with Britain and the U.S.A."

Speaking of Russo-Japanese tension, Mr. Gervasi said, "I think you can certainly expect an attack on Russia by Japan if the Germans continue successfully against the Soviet."

Accredited correspondent to the British Forces in the Middle East for three months this year—May, June and July—Mr. Gervasi spoke highly of the British soldier.

British Best Soldier

"The British Tommy is the best soldier in the world to-day," he said. "I have seen him fight. He is fearless and even under long suffering never complains. He is truly a 'great guy'."

The danger in the Middle East, he went on, had now passed. There was plenty of American material and ammunition there to augment British supplies.

He was of the opinion that Britain

U. S. Buying 500 British Cinemas

Britain's largest combine of cinemas, Associated British Picture Corporation (the familiar A.B.C. halls which number over 500), may come under United States control soon.

According to the "Kinematograph Weekly," negotiations are nearly completed whereby Warner Brothers Pictures, Ltd., will buy the £4,500,000 held in shares by the widow of Mr. John Maxwell, the Glasgow solicitor who became Britain's leading film magnate.

If this deal comes off it will be a big step towards American control of British halls—a state of things which the Government has in the past been anxious to avoid.

The Warner company—which is bidding is a British one, but represents the United States parent combine.

Like all other American film firms it has large "censor panels" in Britain because of Treasury limitation of export-revenue.

It would be startling an offensive in the Middle East "very soon."

"I think that Britain, aided by America, has gone over from the defensive to the offensive mentality. I am very optimistic about the future," he said.

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SOLUTION LIES WITH JAPAN

THE cautious tone adopted officially both in Washington and Tokyo regarding the possible outcome of the exchange of notes between Prince Konoye and President Roosevelt relevant to the existing Pacific crisis is understandable and sensible. Much depends on how much new ground Tokyo is prepared to break; if Prince Konoye's message to President Roosevelt goes no further than the time-honoured Japanese plea for "better understanding", which means nothing more than that the United States permit Japan to go ahead with her programme of aggression and expansion without let or hindrance, then little, if anything, can be expected from the latest negotiations.

It has been emphatically and clearly explained to Japan that the solution to the Pacific crisis lies very largely in her hands; its essential prerequisite is a willingness on the part of the Japanese Government to make concessions, the principal one of which is the renunciation of her policy of self-aggrandisement and acquisition of territory by force. It is doubtful, however, whether this in itself would be regarded by the democracies as sufficient. The political situation in the Far East created by Japan is so obnoxious to America and Britain that it cannot be indefinitely tolerated. That is, perhaps, a point of view which Japan has not sufficiently taken into account.

Considerable emphasis has been placed on the concern which Britain and America feel regarding threats to Malaya, the N.E.I., and the Philippines, but just as much concern is felt about the position of China as it is to-day, and manifestly, and rightly, aid from those two nations to China is going to be consistently increased. Japanese politicians who have always insisted upon the need for "realism" should take a leaf out of their own book in this respect. The situation is acute because it is obvious that if there is to be any improvement, Japan has got to modify her policy very considerably. Britain and the United States through Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt have categorically declared that they intend to stand for no further nonsense on the part of Tokyo. Britain's military preparedness both in Malaya and Hongkong supports that warning.

It will be the general and fervent hope of all sane people throughout the Orient that the latest efforts to avert the explosion so gravely threatening will meet with success; but Japan must not expect this to be accomplished at the expense of China; there is going to be no selling out of Chungking by either America or Britain. From now on the negotiations and the sacrifices must come from Japan, and if these are not forthcoming, then Japan must accept the consequences, serious as they will be to all involved.



General Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief.

POLAND'S HEROIC CHOICE

By Jan Bolinski-Jundzill

Deputy-Director of the Polish Research Centre

Poland made her choice when she accepted and reciprocated the British guarantee of April 6, 1939. It is not sufficiently realised in many countries that Poland had that choice in the Spring before the War.

Two paths lay before her. The first was to yield to German persuasion, make concessions with regard to Danzig and the Polish Corridor, and join the Axis. Poland, as a vassal state of Germany would then have taken part in a German campaign against Russia. The other alternative was to resist the German demands and espouse the cause of international order and freedom.

She chose the path of honour and was actually the first country to resist the mighty German war machine.

Hopeless Odds

The military campaign of 1939 was fought with desperate courage by the entire Polish people. The siege of Warsaw will for all time serve as an example of their indomitable spirit.

In the second week of the siege it was entirely clear that the situation was hopeless and there was no possibility of repelling the invader. Neverthe-

less the defenders of Warsaw fully realised that every day they fought on was causing the enemy heavy losses.

They preferred to sacrifice their material possessions, their city, their homes, their lives—in order to continue resistance as long as humanly possible.

The Germans had 75 divisions of infantry, 15 mechanised divisions and 5,000 aeroplanes in action. The Poles opposed this might with 25 divisions, one mechanised division and about 370 planes.

This was the unequal struggle Poland fought for a whole month. She would have held out longer had it not been for the Russian attitude. The German losses were very heavy and it is claimed by Polish authorities that the Nazis paid for their Polish victory with 150,000 dead, 200,000 wounded, about 700 tanks and 500 aeroplanes.

Vital Contribution

During the last war, when the German onslaught on Paris endangered the situation in the West, the armies of the Tsar helped by attacking West Prussia and thus contributed indirectly to the victory of the Marne. So in 1939, a short but bloody campaign in Poland secured to the Western Powers a period of respite and gave them the opportunity of affecting mobilisation and making further preparation for war.

To-day, with the vivid illustrations of German tactics in the battles of France and Greece before us, Poles are in-

Hitler embarked on his mad march on September 1, 1939. A special edition, issued by the "Telegraph" late that evening told Hongkong the news. This is the message that heralded the start of war:

Acting less than four hours after he issued his Proclamation to the German Army, Herr Hitler this morning ordered General Goering, Chief of the German Air Force, to send the Reich warplanes over the Polish capital.

An urgent "United Press" message, despatched from Warsaw at 9 o'clock this morning (4 o'clock this afternoon, Hongkong Time) stated that German planes had bombed the capital.

No further details are to hand.

It is not known how many planes appeared over Warsaw, or what was the extent of the damage.

The incident, however, appears to confirm the contention that Hitler's Proclamation to the German Army was, in fact, a Declaration of War on Poland.

While this is going on in Poland thousands of Poles are now in Britain under the leadership of the Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief, General Sikorski.

Burning to avenge their country, keen to serve in the Allied cause, they braved great dangers, crossing frontiers and mountain ranges, passing through many countries till they reached France, where a new Polish army and air force were formed.

Destroyers and submarines of the Polish Navy escaped from the Baltic and reached British ports to co-operate with the British Navy. Many of their exploits, particularly those of the Polish submarine Orzel, are well known.

After the French collapse, inspired by the same spirit of determination, the Polish Government and the Polish Army arrived in Britain. Since then they have continued to play their part in the war. I need not stress the part played by the Polish airmen in the battle of Britain when about 10 percent of the planes brought down in the autumn were the victims of Polish fighters.

Polish forces also played their part at Narvik in May and June 1940 and are now fighting in the Middle East which they reached through Syria and Palestine.

The century-old Polish National Anthem begins with the words: "Poland's soul is not departed while we live to own her." Poland's soul lives on and no persecution can destroy it.

Poland's part in the struggle to-day can be summed up in a few words. In Poland, stubborn resistance to German oppression. Elsewhere, an equally stubborn fight by the side of brave Allies.

Poland Fights On

From the secret press appearing in Poland and from reports emanating from other sources, it is clear that the Polish spirit of resistance remains unimpaired by this ruthless oppression. Polish faith in a final victory is unshaken.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play
AND
How to Win

—By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON—

Nothing to Lose, Everything to Gain

THE "percentage" favouring one player over another may be in the infinitesimal, yet it is just such choices as this that mark the expert. Note to-day's deal.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.

♠ 87543
♥ 2 103
♦ —
♣ 7042

W N E S
W S

♠ KJ9
♥ KQ42
♦ K104
♣ 853

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
Pass Pass

The bidding was identical at seven tables in a recent duplicate game and in every case West opened the fourth best spade. Some in one case, this selection becomes declarer's went up with dummy's spades, others let the lead ride to the king and jack, this was immediately followed by a drop. With the heart suit wide open it was apparent that the only hope of fulfilling the contract depended on running the diamond suit without losing the lead. No other consideration was involved.

The K-10-4 of diamonds were outstanding. As we know, with only ten of a suit, missing the king, the proper play is to finesse, not to play for a drop. Hence, if the diamond king is in West's hand, whether guarded or unguarded, it will make, since there is no reason to violate this rule of play. Thus, we must finesse, but in precisely what manner? Entering dummy with a club, should we lead a low

diamond and finesse to the queen, or lead the jack and, if it is not covered, let it ride?

The answer to this is simple when we consider the possible distributions of the missing diamonds. If East has the king blank, the K-10 or the K-4, it does not matter what diamond we lead from dummy; we are safe in all cases. There is a possibility, however, that East holds all three of the missing diamonds, and in that case it will be fatal to lead low to the queen. East, of course, will not split his honours; he will put the four on the deuce. The queen holds but, when West falls to follow, our deuce becomes plain. East still has the K-10 and no manner of play can shut out his trick.

If we play properly, however, and lead dummy's jack, it is East who is doomed. If he covers, our ace wins and, since West shows out, another finesse is established against the ten-spot. If East ducks, the jack holds. Thus, since there is nothing to lose in any case by leading the jack, and something to gain when in one case, this selection becomes the "percentage" play.

I regret to report that, of the seven declarers, only two led the king and jack instead of a low diamond through East and, hence, only two fulfilled their contracts.

To-morrow's Hand

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

♠ AK4

♥ J106

♦ QJ1083

♣ 32

W N E S

W S

♠ Q7

♥ Q97

♦ Q743

♣ AK54

♠ AK5432

♥ AK90

♦ J

♣ J

How should this hand be bid?

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"—so it's settled, that at the approach of enemy aircraft, we all meet here for lunch!"

Britain's Power After Two Years Of Bitter Struggle

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—In the following article specially written on the second anniversary of the war, "Reuter's" Military Commentator reviews the development of Britain's military strength during the past two years:

When Britain took up the challenge of the Nazis, who set forth on the march to dominate the world two years ago, her military position was extremely weak. Her strength has enormously increased since then though it has still some way to go before reaching full power.

When Hitler started the war by his unprovoked invasion of Poland, the British Army was weak in numbers and equally deficient in the equipment necessary for war. All the territorial units lacked training.

Vital garrisons on our communications all over the world equally were on an insufficient scale. We had some difficulty in equipping even a token force to go to France and this was exacerbated by the flood which temporarily destroyed France in May and June last year.

Owing to the heroic efforts of our Navy and Air Force, we rescued most of our men but lost the whole of their equipment, Norway and Greece further depleted our resources.

We extricated ourselves from this extremely critical situation, however, by the splendid fighting of our Air Force and the bold and resolute face with which the people of Britain met dangers under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Winston Churchill and also by the whole-hearted manner in which the people responded to the call to arms by creating the Home Guard.

How very different is the picture to-day of Britain's growing military might! The Army itself has been expanded till we have at least three million men under arms and these men are now well organised and commanded from Generals to corporals. Our losses have been made good, we are powerfully armed with anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank weapons and field artillery which protect our towns, factories and our many widely-flung naval and air bases, stretching, as they do, from Iceland down to the west and east coasts of Africa, along the southern shores of Asia as far as Singapore and Hongkong into the Pacific Ocean.

Though the Army as a whole has not yet stepped on the stage to play a great decisive part in the offensive strokes which it will have to do to complete our victory, it is collecting and massing in two directions which are dictated by sound strategy for the location of our reserves, namely these Islands and the Middle East.

Far East Reserves
The necessity of stopping Japanese aggression is causing us to collect a third reserve in the Pacific. The Army is getting ready to strike anywhere when the moment arrives.

But though our military forces have so far only been employed in small bodies, they have gained some glorious victories and have won successes which cannot be surpassed by any army. Thus our first campaign in Libya, the Abyssinian campaign and the conquest of Syria were all carried out brilliantly against an army numerically far superior and equally well, if not better, equipped.

To-day our forces are reaching a high standard of motorisation, all over the world and tanks are arriving in good and increasing numbers.

In Britain itself, the Home Guard, composed of civilians, are engaged in every kind of work and have reached a stage in training and equipment at which they must be seriously reckoned with in case of any attempt at invasion.

OPPOSITION TO NAZIS GROWS Partisan Warfare

MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—How greatly the opposition to Nazi rule in occupied countries has increased was stressed by M. L. Zolovskiy, the Soviet spokesman, in a statement to foreign correspondents to-day.

This opposition is finding expression in partisan warfare, acts of sabotage and attacks on German agents, German officers and soldiers.

M. L. Zolovskiy declared that ten weeks ago, the shots fired at Laval have been impossible. Similarly strikes in Poland had previously been impossible, but now there had been one at the important Polish railway junction of Rzhinov and a serious railway accident at Krupkov.

Ten weeks of heroic resistance by the Red Army against nine-tenths of the entire German armed forces and the enormous losses inflicted on Germany had raised the spirits of the down-trodden occupied countries.

Bowden Transferred To Singapore

SYDNEY, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—The Australian Trade Commissioner to China, Mr. V. G. Bowden, has been appointed official Australian representative in Singapore with authority in political, commercial and administrative matters. He will be assisted by a commercial secretary and a political officer. The United Kingdom Government have welcomed the move.

Hollanders Celebrate Birthday Of Queen Wilhelmina

A very pleasant reception was held on Saturday night at the residence of the Acting Consul-General for the Netherlands, Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg No. 532 The Peak, in honour of the 51st birthday yesterday, of Her Majesty, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

There were about 70 persons present, mostly members of the local Dutch community, and some Chinese. Welcoming the guests, Mr. Middelburg said that when they looked back on the last birthday of Her Majesty, which was celebrated in the same room, they could say without being over-optimistic that the future for their country looked better than ever.

"Our allies are undefeated and the spirit of resistance in the Netherlands is growing," he said. "It seems that the chances of war are already about to turn. On this day our thoughts go to our beloved Queen, who at the head of her Government in hospitable England, works at the liberation of the Realm in Europe. We wish her good health and longevity. May she soon return to her country, liberated from foreign oppression."

A toast to Her Majesty was drunk to the strains of the Netherlands National Anthem, after which Mr. J. H. van der Lann, President of the Committee of the Netherlands Day of Freedom in Hongkong addressed the gathering, which later listened in to the London relay of the celebrations in England.

Yesterday Mr. Middelburg gave a short talk over ZBW to mark the occasion.

Tobruk Defenders' Bayonet Charge

CAIRO, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—In the Tobruk area one of our patrols attacked an enemy post with bayonet inflicting casualties. During the day there was a fair amount of enemy shell fire.

There was one enemy air raid but this caused no damage.

In the frontier area there was some exchange of artillery fire.

PROBABLE PEACE TERMS FOR IRAN

Transit Facilities Sought

SIMLA, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Provision that the Iranian Government should facilitate the transit of supplies and war material through Iran to Russia will, according to well-informed circles here, form part of the basis of the terms which will probably be offered to the Iranian Government shortly.

In return, it is probable that the Allied Governments will undertake to continue payments of all oil royalties, facilitate the supply of economic necessities such as food and piece-goods to Iran and, as soon as the military situation permits, will withdraw their forces from Iranian territory.

Other terms are likely to be that the policy of Britain and Russia is that they have no designs against the independence of Iran; her territorial integrity will be re-affirmed and there will also be re-affirmation that the measures to be taken are not directed against Iran herself but only against the menace arising from the political activities of Germans established in key positions throughout the country.

German Community
It will probably be pointed out that if the Iranian Government are now prepared to co-operate there is no reason why any hostilities should continue.

Probably the Iranian troops will have to withdraw from certain areas in northern and southwestern Iran which will temporarily be occupied by Soviet and British forces respectively.

The German community, with the possible exception of bona fide members of their Legation and a small number of technicians, will have to leave Iran, probably within one week. Thereafter, no Germans will be admitted into the country.

Premier's Statement
LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—A statement that "by to-morrow the situation will be satisfactorily cleared up" and a warning against rumours was given by the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, at a session of the Iranian Government this morning, according to the Teheran Radio.

After stating that "our discussions and actions have reached a clearer stage" and would soon reach a satisfactory conclusion, Mr. Churchill added that "many untrue and forced pieces of news are current and it is even said that groups of peoples are leaving the capital. I want to assure Parliament that there is no danger to Teheran or the Government and all these rumours are unfounded."

He said that there was a plentiful supply of bread and meat "though of course if each person buys ten pounds of bread instead of one, the Government will be faced with some difficulties."

KONOYE'S MESSAGE

Adjustment Wanted Without Policy Change

TOKYO, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Prince Kono's message to President Roosevelt is given prominence in the Japanese press as the opening of diplomatic negotiations for settling the outstanding questions between Japan and the United States.

The "Chugai Shogo" declares that it is clear that the United States does not want a war in the Pacific as already emphasised by various American leaders.

The newspaper expresses the belief that as Prince Kono's message was personally addressed to President Roosevelt, Japanese and American relations are being thoroughly re-studied and the United States Government are giving careful study to the view that the present tendency of the European war is becoming rapidly a world war.

Continuity
The "Yomiuri Shimbun" declares that Japan's policy in the Pacific is based on the principle that Japan and the United States should not come to blows. Prince Kono's message was intended to remove misunderstanding between Japan and the United States. Emphasis, however, is laid on the continuity of the Japanese policy.

The "Hochi Shimbun" declares that this policy remains "immutable" while the "Chugai Shogo" asserts that adjustment of outstanding questions between the two countries is "only possible when the establishment of greater East Asian prosperity is recognised."

Troop Train In Anhwei Wrecked

LIHUANG, Aug. 31 (Central News).—Over 200 Japanese troops were killed and wounded as the result of a train accident on the Hwai-Nan Railway in northern Anhwei last week when a Japanese troop train was derailed near the Shuangtung-chih Station after striking Chinese land mines.

The locomotive was overturned and completely wrecked, while four coaches were thrown off the tracks and badly damaged. Material losses sustained by the Japanese were estimated to total over \$500,000. Traffic on the Railway was interrupted for three days as a result of the accident.

Indian Troops Enter Ahwaz

Armistice In Time

Aug. 31.—When Indian troops marched into southern Iranian town of Ahwaz immediately following Iran's decision to cease fire, Iranian soldiers stood stiffly at the salute while the population ran alongside the Indian troops clapping and cheering.

When Iranian resistance ceased, the Indians were eight miles from the town. R.A.F. planes dropped constantly overhead supporting their advance. Suddenly a high-powered car bearing a white flag drove swiftly up from the direction of Ahwaz and from it stepped a high Iranian officer in full war-kit.

After saluting, he asked in perfect English to see the British Commanding Officer. "I have orders direct from the Shah to ask for an Armistice," he told the British Commander. "Our troops have already received the order to cease fire."

Military Salutes
While the Indian troops remained vigilant standing in firing positions, the British Commander with his Chiefs of Staff drove into Ahwaz, where they were received with a salute of rolling drums and a Guard of Honour.

The Iranian General Mohamed Shahbakhli, then formally surrendered his forces. Pending a settlement of the Armistice terms, it was decided on the spot that (1) the Indians should enter the town, remaining on one bank of the River Karun while Iranian troops returned to their barracks; (2) That British hostages, mostly oil-men, should be released immediately and (3) That Iranian prisoners should be returned.

Shortly after noon, the Indian forces entered the town. Line upon line of armoured fighting vehicles, lorries and trucks packed with infantry and motor cyclists crossed the bridge over Karun into the town.

Soviet Advance
MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—Zhenjan, which Soviet troops have now reached, is in the north-west of Iran on the main road to Teheran about half-way between Tabriz and the capital.

Reh is about 20 miles southeast of the Caspian port of Fahlavi, which also has been entered and which is the starting point of the motor road leading to Teheran.

For a large part of the way, this road is a series of narrow bends round precipitous hillsides and long stretches have simply been blasted out of rock. An over-enthusiastic driver could easily send his car hurtling over thousand-foot drops. Shahrud is the third point of the Caspian port of Bandar Shah.

German Agents
Reports from Tabriz show that conversations with the population in a number of villages in northern Iran, revealed that German agents had been feverishly busy in those regions, especially since the outbreak of fighting on the eastern front. The agents told the villagers that the Germans had already occupied a number of points in Trans-Caucasia and also did everything possible to work up feeling against the Soviet Union.

Arms Imported
Port officials informed Soviet troops that German agents had established a number of espionage nests and, using the trade-marks of a commercial firm, had brought in many arms and explosives. The German agents also openly sought confidential information and showed the greatest interest in the strength of the Soviet Caspian fleet.

The reports add that many interviewed Iranians state that "none of us doubt that the Soviet Union, which does not break its engagements, will in this occasion fulfil its pledge to withdraw its troops from Iran when the danger arising from German activity is passed."



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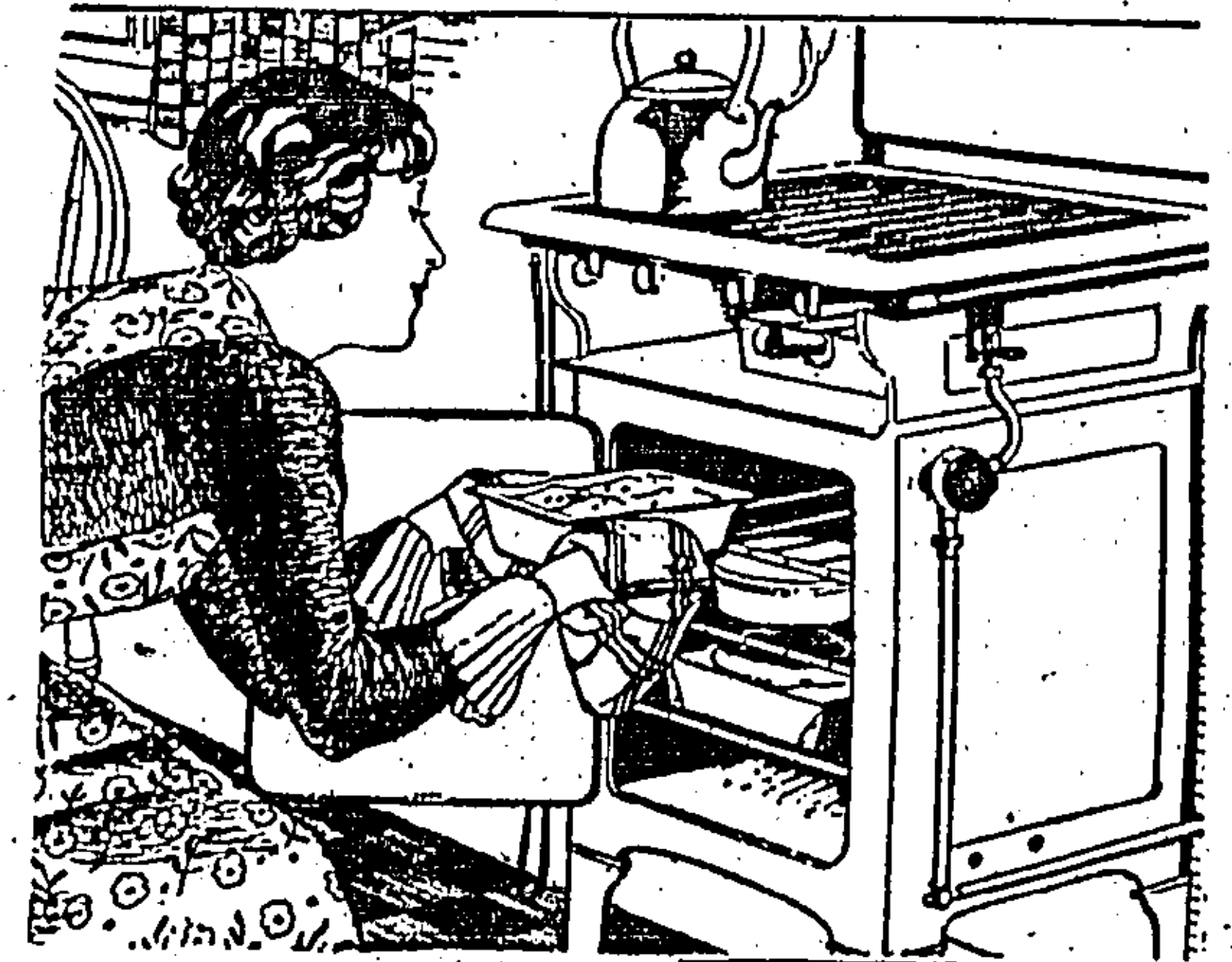
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Unreliable Japanese Reports on Thailand

("Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

BANGKOK, Aug. 31.—The frequency with which the Thai Government have lately felt obliged to issue official denials of rumours has aroused widespread comment in political quarters.

An analysis shows that in the last few weeks no less than 16 press reports from Japanese sources have been either flatly denied in communiques or by the authoritative spokesman while only one report from non-Japanese sources drew an official contradiction.

"Absolutely devoid of truth" is the Thai Government's communique dismissing the latest Japanese allegation that British and American Ministers in Bangkok have threatened economic pressure against Thailand unless she ceased trade relations with Japan. The communique mildly rebukes another Japanese daily for the suggestion that after Iran, Thailand will be the next victim of Anglo-American aggression.

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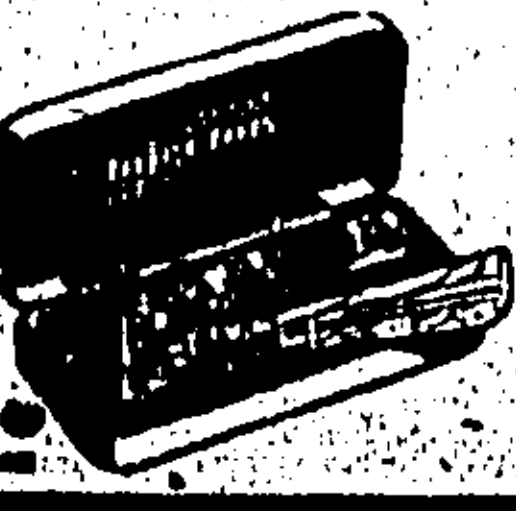
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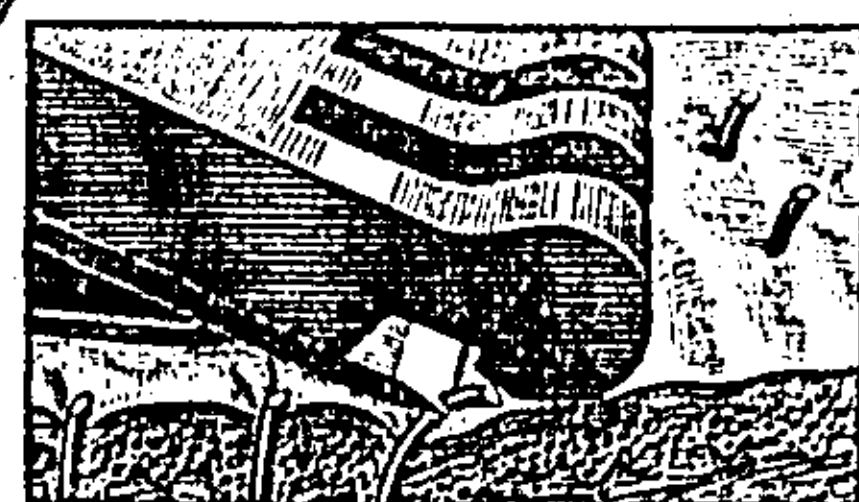


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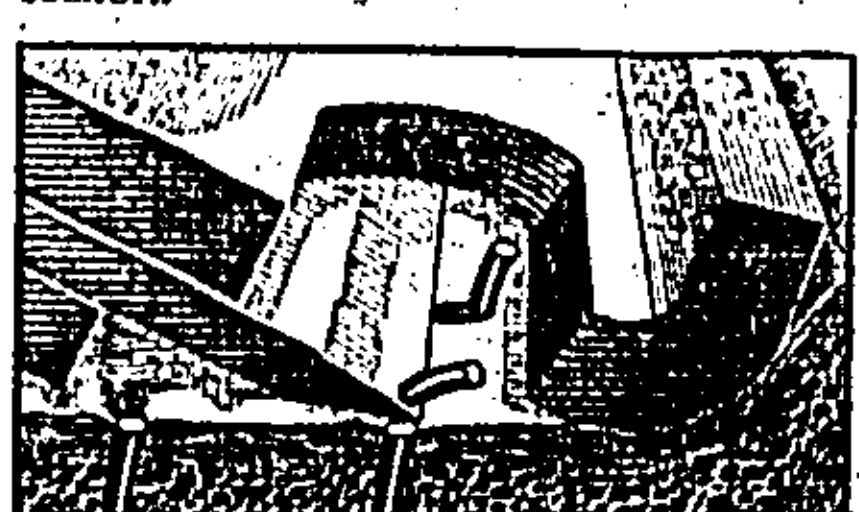
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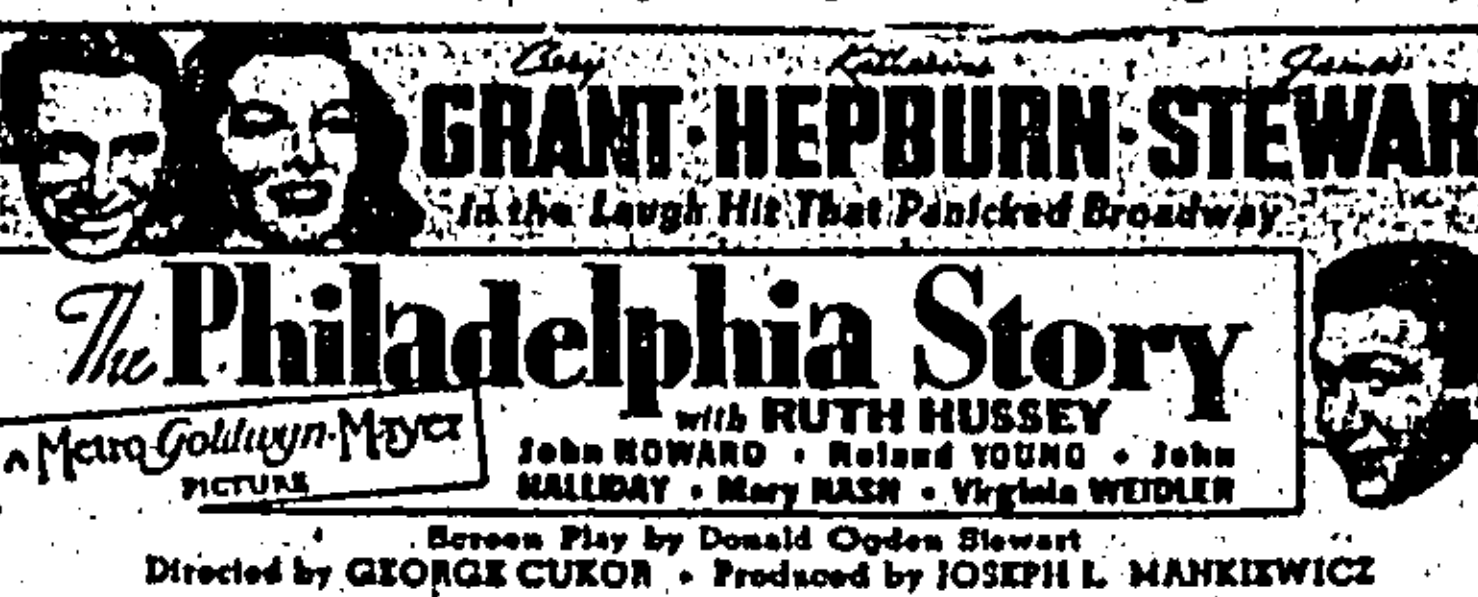
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CHANNEL ALIVE WITH PLANES

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there were no British bombers over Germany itself.

Cities Singled Out
 On the three remaining six nights, Mannheim was heavily attacked. There was a particularly heavy raid on Cologne on August 20 while Dusseldorf and Duisburg were the main objectives on the other two nights.

Subsidiary night attacks were also carried out on air ports at Boulogne, Le Havre and Ostend.

No single day passed without the British Air Force making daylight sweeps, one of which was remarkable for a low level attack on Rotterdam.

Numerous daylight attacks were also made against shipping.

The heavy offensive nature of these activities is shown by figures of losses—the Germans lost 21 and the British 73, of which 43 were bombers, 27 fighters and three not specified.

Busy Day
 LONDON, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—To-day was one of the busiest days for the Fighter Command since the Battle of Britain last autumn.

The first strike of dawn was spreading across the sky, Spitfires were on their way to France, states the Air Ministry news service. From then until dark the offensive was kept up without stop.

Many pilots were over enemy territory more than once in the day, fighters seen were nearly always in a minority and they mostly avoided British formations.

One Canadian sergeant, however, found himself in a dogfight with several Messerschmitts, one of which he shot down. He also damaged another.

Twice during the morning, bombers were safely escorted to and from their targets as far inside France as London is from the south coast.

Other fighters took a force of bombers to the Brest area, where an important aerodrome was successfully attacked. In the evening, British fighters were again over France in force.

Flying Fortresses
 Bremen port was bombed this evening by Flying Fortresses. A captain who in civil life was a sheep farmer in Australia, said that there was thick cloud banks on the journey over the North Sea, with occasional clear patches through which the sea could be seen. The temperature was minus 55 Centigrade. (—77 Fah.)

"We followed the river down to Bremen," he said, "where the cloud was much lighter. We had a perfect view which presented a long, but lumpy, log sticking out towards the sea. Our bombs fell in the middle of the port. There was no fire from anti-aircraft guns, and we saw no fighters. In fact, it was a peaceful Sunday afternoon."

Congratulations
 LONDON, Aug. 31 (British Wireless).—The Prime Minister has addressed to the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Bomber Command, Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, the following tribute to the squadrons of the Bomber Command group which has been engaged in recent daylight operations:

"The devotion and gallantry of the attacks on Rotterdam and other objectives are beyond all praise. The charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava is eclipsed in brightness by these almost daily deeds of fame."

Peace Or War In The Pacific

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United States attitude toward forcible measures aimed at acquiring territorial and economic hegemony.

The Alternatives
 These Americans left Japan before the Roosevelt-Nomura conversations; however, they said that Japanese officials are most hopeful that the negotiations would be successful in permitting the resumption of trade, ending the current economic impasse and enabling the Konoye civilian Government to retain its power.

Failure in the negotiations would result in the overthrow of the Cabinet and the establishment of a complete military Cabinet which would be likely to move precipitately either to the south or north, possibly bringing the Pacific crisis to a head sometime in September.

They said that although Japan had surrounded the previous negotiations with the closest secrecy, the importance attached to them was demonstrated by the fact that the Cabinet informed the Emperor constantly of the developments.

The Japanese navy is at present supporting the Conservatives such as Baron Hiranuma in the Cabinet, however, it is said that the Japanese are convinced that if the present negotiations fail there will be no alternative except a military Government which would act very swiftly either to the north or south depending on the developments of the Russo-German war and that the navy would then be forced to support an army expansion programme.

Only A Gesture
 SHANGHAI, Aug. 31 (UP).—The Japanese army's organ, "Sin Shun Tsao," in an editorial regarding the Roosevelt-Nomura talks to-day stated that they were "only a gesture with which the United States expects to win concessions from Britain and Russia during the coming tri-power conference. Under no circumstances will Japan accept a worthless return from five years of the China war in which she has sacrificed Japanese blood for the sake of a co-prospect sphere. We do not favour such conferences which are likely to alienate Japan from the Axis."

Wang Ching-wei's "Central China Daily News" said: "If negotiations break down, peace in the Pacific by any other means is practically impossible."

Worship Of Fuhrer Not Enough

News has just reached London of the strongest religious revival in history.

It is taking place in Germany, where, since the Nazi ideology took root, religious persecution has flourished. But the Nazi leaders are finding that the terror of air raids cannot be overcome without the consolation of religion, and in consequence a number of concessions have been granted to Catholics.

Reports state that Goering has ordered the lifting of restrictions on going to church after air raids, and Catholic priests may now go out during an Alert to administer the last sacraments.

Goering has also informed the German Episcopate, through the Church Ministry, that further orders will be issued with a view to aiding priests in carrying out their religious duties during raids.

Jew-Baiting Relaxed
 Some time ago it was stated that Jew-baiting had been relaxed in the Reich with a view to securing much-needed additions to war workers.

The banister Nazi leaders, it is learned, have found it extremely distasteful to have to admit that their regime has not completely obliterated the minds of their people the need for something more than adoration of the Fuhrer to sustain them in the ever-increasing fury of the R.A.F.'s raids.

£200,000,000 Deal To Buy City Of London

The City Corporation may pay £200,000,000 to secure municipal ownership of the Citadel of Capital.

If the deal goes through the City of London will be the first city in Britain to pass into public ownership.

Like all other municipalities, the City Corporation is viewing rebuilding plans from every aspect.

The rateable value of "the square mile" is about £3,300,000. This means a capital site value of something like £220,000,000.

So complicated and involved are the vested interests concerned in City ownership that the Corporation may vote for outright purchase to complete its scheme for a new London.

Opportunity Missed
 Once before—after the Great Fire in 1666—the City Corporation missed its opportunity.

Sir Christopher Wren drew up plans for a beautiful city with broad straight streets.

But Wren's plan was pushed on one side because of the City's rush to rebuild, and because of the opposition of the owners of the land.

That is why the City is still interlocked with narrow twisting alleyways.

It is to be hoped that the Corporation will not be side-tracked this time.

Equally it is to be hoped that the deal will not put extortionate millions into the pockets of ground landlords.

Test Of A Good Little Hun

Proof that in spite of the victories gained by Hitler many Germans refuse to accept the Nazi voice is afforded by the recent publication of new Nazi decrees which have been designed as part of a system to put pressure on "unloyal" Germans.

Details of the scheme are:—
 1. Every German family shall get what is described as "education help" for the child and subsequent children. This "help" will be paid by local commissions in every community, the same commissions being authorised to refuse payment in the following cases:—

1. If the family has anti-social habits;
 2. If the child suffers from hereditary diseases;
 3. If the child is racially unclean;
 4. If the child refuses to obey the orders of the Nazi party; and
 5. If the parents—especially the father—refuse to serve the interests of the Reich and the German nation.

This means that practically only those parents who are members of the Nazi party will receive the much advertised "education help."

LATE NEWS

Abysinia
 "In Abysinia, R.A.F. and South African Air Force aircraft bombed and machine-gunned enemy fortified positions at Deberach on August 29 and again yesterday, direct hits being observed on the forts, huts and trenches.

"From all these operations, one of our aircraft is missing."

Desert War Boiling Up
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Regent consists of men of great experience and influence, who in the past always co-operated with Britain. Raschid Ali's revolt is regarded as a regrettable blot on Iraq's past relations with their ally, Britain, which is best forgotten.

One of the first acts of the new government was to ask the Italian Embassy to leave and their departure meant the liquidation of a centre of intrigue and insidious propaganda, which was always liable to cause mischief.

Palestine
 Palestine is extremely calm. Arabs and Jews seem to have forgotten their quarrels under the stress of bigger events and the country is making a great effort at war production.

Muslim opinion in Syria, Palestine and Iraq fully sympathised with the necessity of the Allied action in Iran, and indeed actually welcomed it since it was well understood that the whole security of the Near East countries would have been seriously menaced if German intrigues in Iran had been permitted to continue much longer.

Unhappily, there will be general pleasure at the satisfactory result of the Allied action in Iran.

Calcutta Aug. 30.
 The death of Sir Bijay Chand Mahab, Maharajah of Bahadur of Burdwan, was announced to-day, thus removing the head of the senior Hindu house in Bengal and one of India's most distinguished citizens. The Maharaja travelled widely in Europe and had held a number of Indian legislative offices, and was one of India's delegates to the Imperial Conference in London in 1920. —Reuter.

Russians Claim Nazi Plans Now

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involve the fall of the war-mongers.

The leaflets asked, "Who needs this cat-in-the-hat war? It is needed by a band of careerists who want to achieve glory on the bones and blood of millions of unfortunate people."

Nazi Admissions
 BERLIN, Aug. 31 (UP).—The Germans have admitted new heavy Russian counter-attacks involving new armies on the central front and along the Dnieper, but they insisted that enemy has been crushed.

The German-Finnish encirclement of Leningrad is said to be tightening against the obstinate resistance of the Russians following the capture of Vilpuri by the Finns. The Russians are reported to be planting enormous minefields around Leningrad's outer defences and 1,100 mines have been turned up in a single day.

Attempts To Cross Dnieper
 MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—The Germans have made repeated attempts to cross the Dnieper at one point and have been thwarted after two days' efforts to place a pontoon in position.

It is announced in a supplement to the Soviet communiqué, it says that in this attempt, the Germans lost nearly 1,000 sappers and infantry killed.

The Germans who had assembled large tank and infantry forces near a town on the right bank of the Dnieper lost 50 tanks, six anti-tank batteries and a large number of pontoons.

Communicate
 MOSCOW, Aug. 31 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau at 11 p.m. G.M.T.:

"During August 31, our troops fought the enemy along the whole front. Our air force dealt concentrated blows at the enemy panzer troops, infantry and artillery and destroyed enemy aircraft on their aerodromes.

"In the course of August 29, 25 German aircraft were destroyed in aerial combats and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 24 aircraft."

R.A.F. Raid Tripoli And Destroy Ships
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tons outside the harbour on fire from the stem to the funnel and two other ships of 5,000 tons each in the harbour burnt out and another alight at two points. First at the base of the Karmani Mole were still burning.

Benghazi
 "At Benghazi, a low-level attack was made on a ship at Juliana Mole and a cloud of white smoke was seen after the attack.

"Aircraft concentrated on Berka Aerodrome were machine-gunned.

"Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed store dumps north of Bardia and several fires were started.

"During the night of August 29-30, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed Gerbini Aerodrome (Sicily) and carried out a machine-gunning attack.

"Other aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm located a merchant ship of 8,000 tons escorted by destroyers off Sicily and attacked the convoy. The merchant ship was believed to have been hit by a torpedo.

"Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm of the R.A.F. bombed the power houses of munition factories of Licata and obtained a number of direct hits on each target. Clouds of smoke were seen and debris was thrown high into the air. Considerable damage was done.

Abysinia
 "In Abysinia, R.A.F. and South African Air Force aircraft bombed and machine-gunned enemy fortified positions at Deberach on August 29 and again yesterday, direct hits being observed on the forts, huts and trenches.

"From all these operations, one of our aircraft is missing."

Desert War Boiling Up
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Regent consists of men of great experience and influence, who in the past always co-operated with Britain. Raschid Ali's revolt is regarded as a regrettable blot on Iraq's past relations with their ally, Britain, which is best forgotten.

One of the first acts of the new government was to ask the Italian Embassy to leave and their departure meant the liquidation of a centre of intrigue and insidious propaganda, which was always liable to cause mischief.

Palestine
 Palestine is extremely calm. Arabs and Jews seem to have forgotten their quarrels under the stress of bigger events and the country is making a great effort at war production.

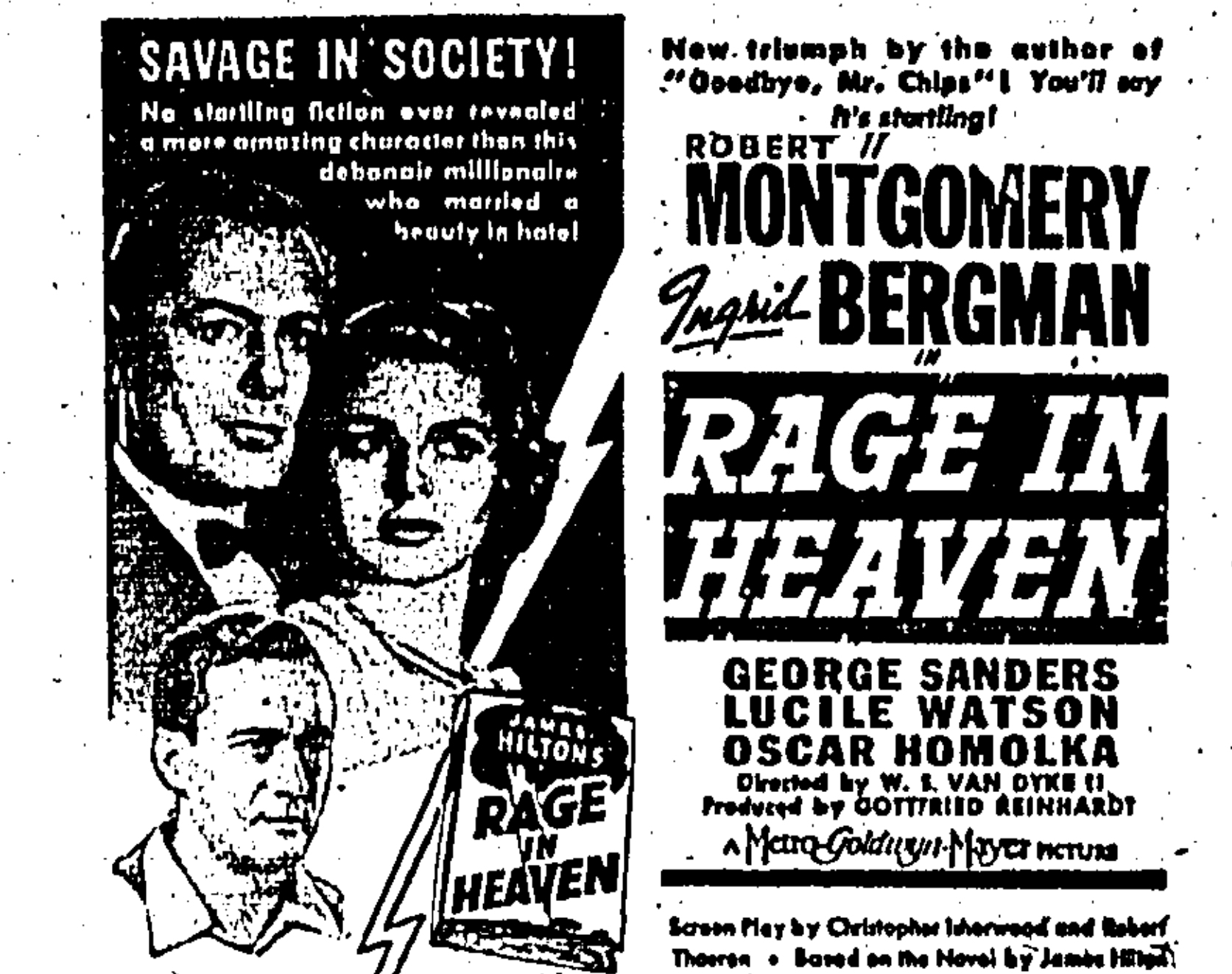
Muslim opinion in Syria, Palestine and Iraq fully sympathised with the necessity of the Allied action in Iran, and indeed actually welcomed it since it was well understood that the whole security of the Near East countries would have been seriously menaced if German intrigues in Iran had been permitted to continue much longer.

Unhappily, there will be general pleasure at the satisfactory result of the Allied action in Iran.

Calcutta Aug. 30.
 The death of Sir Bijay Chand Mahab, Maharajah of Bahadur of Burdwan, was announced to-day, thus removing the head of the senior Hindu house in Bengal and one of India's most distinguished citizens. The Maharaja travelled widely in Europe and had held a number of Indian legislative offices, and was one of India's delegates to the Imperial Conference in London in 1920. —Reuter.

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